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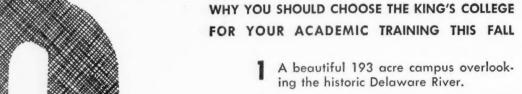
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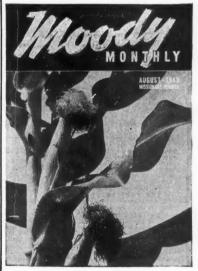
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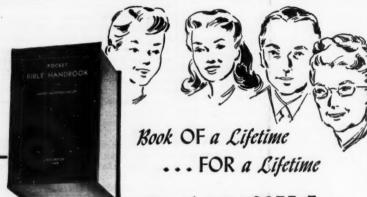
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THE kicking, the screaming and the "socking" brought Mommie on the run from the kitchen and Daddy from the fireside.

"What on earth!"

"What's going on here?"

"I did not . . ." "Yes, you did!"

"Now, just a minute . . .

"And stop that yelling!"

'Quiet," commanded Daddy. "Now, what's the trouble?" (Mommie wondered why they were always worse when they were first home from Sunday school and church. "It ought to be just the other way around," she thought. "But I suppose it's sitting still so long.")

"Timmie bit me." wailed Annette, holding tenderly to her wounded arm, her brown eyes piteous and full of tears.

Timmie stuck out his lower lip and stared at the carpet. "This has gone far enough; he's been doing this too often lately. He needs a good, hard spanking," said Mommie, pulling up Net's sleeve to find the scar.

Daddy stepped toward his tousledheaded six-year-old, who stated flatly, "She socked me." Whereupon four-year-

old Annette wailed the louder.
"Annette," demanded Daddy, "why did you hit Timmie? What were you doing?" Sobbing, she answered, "I was only

going to beat him up . . . and he bit me!"

Mommie looked at Daddy; Daddy looked at Mommie. Then they returned, one to the kitchen and one to the fireside, leaving two small children pondering the mystery of parents.

"Anyway, it had a funny ending this time," thought Mommie, busy with the dinner. "But it doesn't always. And that's the hardest part-when they get to fighting. We can be so much happier and work together so well when they are peaceful and content. It does our hearts good."

The thought came suddenly: "Does it

do His heart good when His children are kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving-even as He admonished? And is He grieved when their words are harsh and bitter?"

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another . . . and this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also" (I John 4:11, 21).

Our Moody Readers

Recalls Moody at the Fair

I am very much interested in the articles, "Moody at the Fair," because I am one of the thousands of people that heard him preach at that time. Ira D. Sankey, his song leader, sang "The Ninety and Nine." Mr. Moody sat back of him to the right. He watched Sankey so closely and every now and then he moved his chair a little forward until he was almost in front of him. He had Sankey sing those verses over and over.

I do not remember what Moody's text was, but I know he went after the lost sheep. When he gave the altar call, it was a rich sight to see an elderly Negro man and a society woman kneeling side by side with many others, all pleading for pardon. I don't know which made the greater impression on me, Moody's preaching or Sankey's singing "The Ninety and Nine."

I would like to hear from others who heard Moody preach or Sankey sing. BLUFFTON, OHIO S. S. BIXEL

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I was very much impressed with the article in your March issue, "Villain in the Kingdom," by John M. Barbee. I think this is one of the most searching articles I have ever read. It would be a great work if it could be put in booklet form to put in the hands of many, many Christians in these too busy materialistic days.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

ROBERT YOUNG

Long-Time Reader

Like J. Frank Eastman of Uniontown, Pa., I have read Moody Monthly every month since its first edition, also the editions published under another name which I do not recall now. As a special music student in May and June, 1915, I had the privilege of attending classes taught by Dr. Towner and Mr. Hammontree and had lessons by Professor Coffin. Dr. James M. Gray was a dear friend of mine, and while there have naturally come changes, I think the spiritual tenor of the Institute is improving and Moody MONTHLY is sending out deeper teaching. POMONA, CALIF. CHAUNCEY C. ROUDABUSH

Television Question

The article, "What Shall We Do with Television?" in MOODY MONTHLY for May is a most excellent one.

However, one most important aspect the writer did not touch upon, namely, the cost of a television set. Just how many Christians can afford a television set with the crying need of funds in the missionary field at home and abroad?

Personally, the writer could afford a television set if he cut off all gifts to missionary endeavors, but he considers the support of missionary work more important than owning a television set.

In my humble opinion, I think Christians should move very cautiously in the matter of television in the home. Likewise Christian organizations should prayerfully study the value of using tele-

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Smokers' Cure

I would like to offer a suggestion to your correspondent, Meyer Marcus, in the May issue of Moody Monthly (this column) on the subject of preachers denouncing the use of tobacco, etc., by professing Christians.

No one could deplore the laxity in modern Christian habits of self-indulgence and worldliness more than I, but I have found the only satisfactory antidote to the natural inclinations of my own carnal nature to be the cultivation of a closer walk with God. A missionary recently stated that he knew of a pastor in the U.S.A. called to a church where all the men smoked and most of the women. Instead of denouncing this, he at once commenced a series of expository studies in the epistles, taking I and II Timothy and Romans, and by the time he reached the middle of Romans only one smoker had failed to give up the habit!

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Welcome in Tokyo

Ever since I became a regular subscriber and reader of MOODY MONTHLY. which by the way is quite a few years ago now, I have always felt that it is the best Christian monthly in America. I say that to the glory of the Lord first of all, and then in thanks to the Spiritfilled and guided men of God who each month do such a Christ-honoring job. My wife, little son and I are missionaries to Japan, serving under the Evangelical Alliance Mission. We are in the midst of getting adjusted to living and serving in a land where many things are new and strange to us. Especially is this true of the language, and you can never know how much inspiration and blessing Moody Monthly brings to one in a situation like this.

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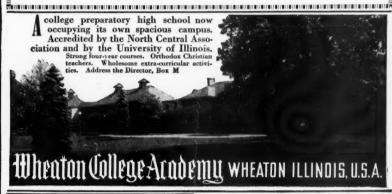
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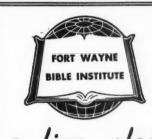
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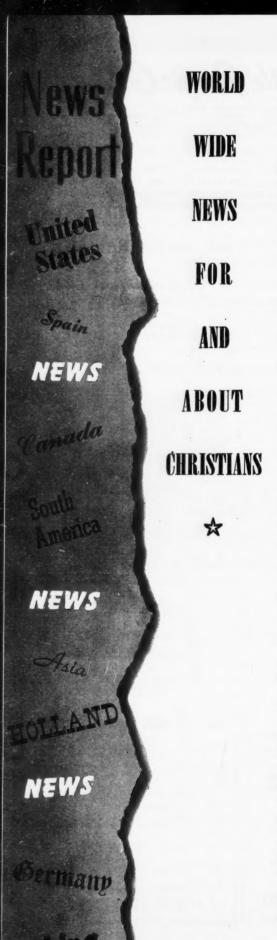


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Christians throughout the United States, Canada, and several foreign countries will be asked to read the Gospel of John during the twentieth annual Bible Mastery Campaign this October.

Participants will sign committals promising to read at least four chapters a day throughout the month. Because the Gospel of John is also directed to non-believers, each Christian will also be asked to sign up at least one non-believer who will read the book during the campaign month.

Inspired by Dr. James M. Gray's book How to Master the English Bible, Bible Mastery Month began in 1930 as a united campaign in the Seattle Presbytery. Among those supporting the campaign this year will be the 110,000 organized women of the Southern Presbyterian Church and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Headquarters this year are at 2666 - 37th Ave., S.W., Seattle

Last year persons from twenty-one denominations, living in forty-two states, five Canadian provinces, and six foreign lands, took part in the campaign.

Launch Tract Evangelism Campaign

Challenging every Christian to do his bit for the Lord daily, the American Tract Society of New York City is enlisting 100,000 Christians to distribute one tract to one person every day. Distributors are also asked to pray definitely for the person who receives the tract.

A pioneer in leaflet evangelism for 125 years, the society will supply tracts free of charge to all who enroll in the cam-

paign and request them.

If the goal of the "Christian Crusade" is reached, more than thirty-six million tracts will be distributed in one year and hundreds of thousands of persons will be reached with the gospel message.

Henry G. Perry, executive secretary of ATS, is visiting leading Bible conferences this summer to present the plan and to enlist workers.

Vote Favors Merger, Opening of New Mission Field

Meeting for its sixty-fifth annual conference at Medicine Lake, Minn., in June, the Evangelical Free Church of America (Swedish) voted 197 to 13 in favor of merger with the Evangelical Free Church Association (Norwegian). Merger of the two closely related church groups has already been approved by the Evangelical Free Church Association at its annual meeting. The plan will now be referred to local congregations.

Representatives of the Evangelical Free Church also unanimously agreed to open the denomination's fifth mission field by undertaking new work in the Philippine Islands. Missionaries being evacuated from China will be used to begin the

Dr. E. A. Halleen was re-elected president for his tenth three-year term. Arley L. Bragg, of Minneapolis, was elected conference moderator for 1950; Dr. Harold L. Lundquist, of Chicago, was named vice-moderator; and Lester Nelson, of Minneapolis, secretary. Three hundred and thirty delegates and pastors attended the conference to make it the largest in the church's history.

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To Try New Dismissed-Time Plan

The Arlington, Va., school board recently adopted a compromise "dismissedtime" plan to conduct classes in religious education in the county public schools. Elementary school pupils will be released an hour and a half early once every two weeks. Those who desire may attend religious education classes sponsored by "responsible groups" in the school buildings; others are free to go home

Under the plan previously used, religious education classes were held during school hours. Students not attending were given other work by their teachers. This plan, however, has been attacked in several instances as a violation of the decision of the Supreme Court in the

McCollum case.

Kentucky Church Sponsors Vacation Bible School in Japan

About 200 Japanese children studied the Bible this summer at a vacation Bible school in Tokyo sponsored by the Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. Most of the children were probably from non-Christian families, according to Raymond M. Rigdon, educational director of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier, missionaries in Tokyo, planned the school in a section of Tokyo where Christian missionaries had never operated and where Communism is strong. The Louisville church sent books and other mate-

Lutheran Youths To Help Build Missions

Sixteen young men are starting out this September to give a year of their lives to build missions for the American Lutheran Church. Working without pay as carpenters, masons, electricians, plumbers, painters, and mechanics, the group will construct missions in different sections of the nation.

Church authorities believe their services will save the denomination about 50 per cent of labor costs. The youths will receive transportation from their homes to the assignments, housing, meals, twenty-five dollars a month for incidentals, and an allowance of one hundred dollars for work clothes.

The idea is an outgrowth of an undertaking in New Guinea when ten Luther League boys helped rebuild mission stations destroyed in the war.

New York Church Reports Outstanding Year

Completion of the most successful year of the last quarter century has been reported by the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City. Figures released at its annual meeting disclosed that more than 300 persons had been dealt with person-

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Offerings for work in the church and over the radio totaled \$251,000, the largest amount received during the last twenty-five years.

The report states that among the many churches requesting the ministry of Pastor William Ward Ayer are some who acknowledge they are "at sea" theologi-cally and desire to hear the positive message of Christ. It adds that Calvary Baptist Church is considering its responsibility in allowing Dr. Ayer time to accept such invitations.

Nazarene Church

Operates Detention Station
Women and children aliens held in San Antonio, Texas, for illegal entrance into the United States find themselves in the International Gospel Mission instead of in jail. The institution is a detention station operated by the Church of the Nazarene.

Even though the inmates are really under detention at the mission, the surroundings are quite different from the jail, where male aliens are kept. The mission not only feeds the women and children until their immigration status is determined, but arranges for them to attend services at a near-by church.

The government pays the mission from 75 cents to \$1.50 a day for each prisoner, depending upon her age, according to Fred Reedy, superintendent. Additional expenses are met through a church subsidy and public donations.

Canadian Anglicans To Discuss Name Change

The Church of England in Canada will consider a proposal to change its name when it meets this September for its triennial General Synod at Halifax.

Leading proponent of the change is the Bishop of Saskatoon, the Rt. Rev. William T. Hallam, who says the present title "has led to misunderstanding both in England and Canada." Other names that have been suggested are Anglican Church of Canada, Catholic Church of Canada, and Episcopal Church of Can-

Plan Second Phase of Scripture Distribution in Japan

With initial supplies of Japanese Gospels and Testaments virtually exhausted, the Pocket Testament League is preparing for the second phase of its nationwide Scripture distribution campaign in Japan early this fall. About thirty thousand, many of them college students, were reached by meetings held in the initial stage of the campaign. During one week ten thousand, four-fifths of whom had never heard the gospel, attended Pocket Testament League serv-

Glenn Wagner, foreign secretary of the League, returned to the United States June 1 after spending three months distributing Gospels and tracts in Japan. He is scheduled to return in September to continue distribution work.

Missionaries, native Christians, and

American GI's are also redoubling efforts to evangelize Japan. One group of Christian GI's reaches fifteen hundred Japanese each week by means of a Sun-

New Stewardship Film To Be Seen by Lutherans

About four thousand congregations of Lutherans will soon be seeing "Like a Mighty Army," the third in a series of stewardship motion pictures produced by the United Lutheran Church in America. After the film has been shown in the denomination's churches, it will be released for use by other congregations.

"Like a Mighty Army" emphasizes the fact that a Christian church is not a social club, but "a fellowship of disciples of Christ who must practice their religion." It will be used in connection with a Lutheran stewardship promotion pro-

15,000 Veterans Studying Theology

Of the two and one-half million veterans of World War II studying under the G.I. Bill and under Public Law 16 (for the disabled), only fifteen thousand, or approximately six-tenths of one per cent, are studying Bible or theology. This fact was revealed recently with the completion of a study by the Veterans Administration which has charge of administering the two laws.

Ninety per cent of the students classified under "religion" are enrolled in Bible institutes, colleges, universities, and seminaries under the G.I. Bill. Others in the group-1,416-are receiving training under Public Law 16, which provides for those with service-connected disabilities.

Ethiopians Build **New Evangelical Church**

Aided by a \$30,000 gift from Emperor Haile Selassie, the Ethiopian Evangelical Society is erecting a new church in the heart of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital

The new church, which is expected to cost about \$65,000, has been named Mekane Iyesus or "House of Jesus." When completed it will have places for about

Begun about fifty years ago, evangelical work in Ethiopia is reported to be growing steadily. Several evangelical congregations are active in the country at the present time.

Denomination Reports \$33.62 per Person for Missions

Averaging \$33.62 per capita, members of the Christian and Missionary Alliance last year gave \$1,835,953 for foreign missions, H. E. Nelson, the home secretary,

Summarizing the year's achievements at the annual church convention in Rochester, N.Y., officials announced that 8,000 baptisms were made last year in the foreign fields served by the Alliance. A total of 787 native students are now training for missionary service in twentyfive Bible schools located in these fields.

Mark Fiftieth Anniversary Of Mennonite Foreign Missions

The Mennonite Church recently observed the fiftieth anniversary of its foreign missions ministry at the annual meeting of the denomination's board of missions and charities in Hesston, Kan.

Twelve new missionaries were appointed to serve in India, China, Belgium, Argentina and Japan, and a missionary and service budget of nearly \$1,000,000 was adopted. This year's appointments to Japan were the first made by the Mennonite board to that country.

Twenty-five voluntary service teams made up of 108 young people were commissioned for summer Bible school evangelism, institutional work in hospitals and homes, colporteur work in the Ozarks, service in Negro schools and communities. construction work, and for service in a youth caravan.

Bits of News From Here and There

Postwar construction of chapels in Japan's leprosy institutions has been launched by the American Mission to Lepers with an initial grant of \$3,500 to the Zensei Byoin government hospital in Tokyo, and a grant of \$1,800 to the Aisei En Government Leprosy Hospital in Nagashima.

At its annual convention, the International Union of Gospel Missions decided to hold its 1950 convention in Grand Rapids, Mich., as part of the golden jubilee celebration of the Mel Trotter Mission.

■ More than five hundred persons professed Christ as Saviour in a recent evangelistic campaign in Colombia and Venezuela, according to the Latin America Mission.

In order to safeguard the Scriptures in the event of atomic warfare, the American Bible Society has deposited copies of the Bible at the University of Colorado, at Boulder, Colo.; Dartmouth College, at Hanover, N.H., and in New York

 A twenty-five thousand dollar budget, including support for missionary work in five countries, was adopted at the annual meeting of the nine-year-old Free Church Youth Fellowship, youth organization of the Evangelical Free Church of

Completion of eleven years of Bible distribution in forty-two states and Canada was noted by the American Home Bible League recently at a dinner in Chicago.

¶ National Leprosy Missions Week will be observed October 9-16 by churches of forty-three denominations and non-denominational groups.

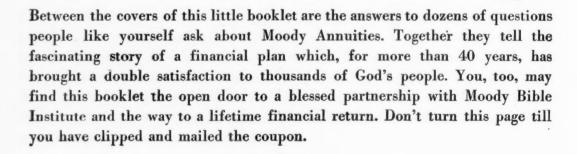
The Free Methodist Publishing House of Winona Lake, Ind., recently completed its sixty-third year of ministry in the religious literature field.

 Appointment of nine new missionaries has been announced by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

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The Believer and Missions

About two years ago an Englishman who had traveled up and down the continent of Africa made a special point of visiting Moody Bible Institute when he was in Chicago, While here, he told us that wherever he went in Africa he had found former Moody students so active in proclaiming the Word of God that he was eager to see the school from which they had come.

We are glad for such a testimony and such a reputation. From the beginning, Moody Bible Institute has believed in missions. We attempt to inculcate in our students the necessity of looking to God for His will for them, particularly as to whether God wants them on the mission field. We attempt to show them, not only their duty, but their privilege, in praying

and giving for missions.

In recent years more than one hundred Moody-trained men and women have sailed or flown to the mission field annually. Today the number of former students who have gone to foreign fields exceeds three thousand. Students meanwhile have been giving sacrificially from their modest incomes to support missionary enterprises. This is as it should be, and with God's help we purpose that it go on. In addition, we plan more intensive foreign colportage distribution and the extension of the foreign film program, as well as continued effort in world evangelism through our students.

Such a missionary emphasis, however, should not be the unique contribution of one organization; it should be the vision and objective of all Christian institutions God has left us here to witness to the ends of the earth.

It seems to us a truism that the child of God must be interested in missions. The Christian who says he is not interested is an anomaly. Our Lord's command brooks no alternative. The scriptural teaching that men without Christ are lost allows no deviation. The precedent of the apostolic Church strongly argues for such an interest. The spiritual deadness of churches without such an interest plainly shows its necessity. The fact that the gospel is universal in that it is for all — irrespective of nationality — also urges us on.

An interest, did we say? The work of world evangelism must be our passionate. our supreme interest. May we enter all the doors of opportunity. But we cannot, unless we give sacrificially, unless we pray importunately. The Christian Church has opportunities now, the like of which she has never had. Let us enter in.

The story goes that the deacon attempted to hand the offering plate for foreign missions to a man sitting alone in his pew. The man did not budge nor did he say a word. Surprised, the deacon pressed the man by holding the plate directly in front of him. The man mumbled, "I don't believe in foreign missions." Taken aback, the deacon finally exploded, "This is for the heathen, take some!"

The story is a bit crude and exaggerated, but there is a point which we should not miss. What place does the missionary enterprise have in our hearts, in our prayers, in the giving of our substance and our children?

Adorning the Doctrine

Christians should keep in mind that, in the terminology of a certain clothing advertiser, "our best ads aren't written; they're worn.'

True, the child of God is to give the Word of Life, but he is also told to live it. These obligations complement one another like scissors blades; together they are effective, but alone either one is of little use.

Living the Christian life in turn involves much, much more than following the accepted "do's" and "don'ts" of Christian conduct. This is brought out in Titus 2:10 as Paul instructs Titus to encourage Christians, even Christian slaves, to "adorn the doctrine of God our Savfour in all things."

Such a statement suggests that it is not enough to speak as Christians; it is not even enough to know the right answers to questions of doctrine. These things are good. They have their rightful place, but they are not enough.

Knowledge alone, phraseology alone, is bare. It is cold; it is formal; it is scholastic; it is academic and theoretical. God is looking for an adorned doctrine. He is looking for something that has beauty about it; something that, as you see it, registers in your soul. Beyond phraseology, beyond correct speech, God wants life. And if He wanted it of the slaves in Paul's time, certainly He wants

How, then, are we to adorn the doctrine of Christ? In the case of the slaves to whom Paul referred, some special instructions were given. They were to be in subjection, they were to be well pleasing, they were not to oppose in the sense of contradicting, they were not to steal.

Such admonitions do not mean that the Bible approves slavery. The Word of God is clear in its teaching concerning the dignity and the position of man. The point is that in a day and in an economy when slavery existed, even slaves in their difficult position could glorify Him.

It is significant that these slaves were warned concerning sins of which they as a group may have been particularly guilty. We, too, if we are to adorn the doctrine of Christ, must consider the special and strong temptations which confront us in our own manner of life. These may not - and probably are not - the same temptations that the bondslaves had. But there are some special temptations in each walk of life. Perhaps God is saying to us, "Don't be churlish, don't lie, don't cheat, don't brag, don't belittle, don't disparage." Whatever it is that takes from the radiance of our Christian testimony, He says, "Don't do it, that you may adorn the doctrine of God your Saviour in all things."

Perhaps if we were to examine ourselves, many of us would have to say, "The doctrine I bear about is unadorned. It is correct, but it is not beautiful. It is not gracious nor kind. There is nothing especially attractive about it. It is cold and lifeless and dead."

If this is true, let us lay the matter before God, who "resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." He is able to provide "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit," which in His sight is of "great price."

What a blessed privilege it is to be called to adorn-to live out in all its beauty and fragrance-the doctrine of God our Saviour. May we be faithful and prayerful, walking in this way by God's grace and with His help, today and till He calls us home.

On the Threshold of Our Fiftieth Year

When the next issue of Moody Monthly reaches you, we will have passed an important milestone - the beginning of MOODY MONTHLY'S fiftieth year of publication. Thus, as the next issues roll off the press, we will be approaching the magazine's fiftieth anniversary in September 1950.

We praise God for the blessings He has poured out in abundance upon this magazine and its forerunners, for the many who have shared in its ministry down through the years, and for the opportunities for service which lie ahead.

MOODY MONTHLY had its beginnings in a thirty-page, six-by-nine magazine first issued in September, 1900, under the title, THE INSTITUTE TIE. This initial number announced itself as "a monthly devoted

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to the interest of Moody Bible Institute, its students and friends." Among the features crowded between its covers were an unsigned article on D. L. Moody, a message, "Saving Souls from Death" by Superintendent R. A. Torrey, and an article by Dr. James M. Gray, "The Need of Preachers and How to Supply It." In addition, the issue contained information about the Institute, about Christian work and Christian workers.

By 1907, The Institute Tie had grown to a seventy-page magazine and had increased the scope of its ministry, being then published, according to the legend on the first page, "for the promotion of Bible study and Christian service." Dr. Torrey and Dr. Gray served jointly as editors-in-chief.

Three years later, a new title, The Christian Workers Magazine, appeared on the cover page in keeping with the publication's widening ministry. This in turn gave way to the heading, Moody BIBLE INSTITUTE MONTHLY in 1920, a title which was later shortened to the present Moody Monthly.

In spite of these minor changes, the essential message of the magazine has remained unchanged down through the years. In 1910, as The Institute Tie became The Christian Workers Magazine, Dr. Gray wrote as follows:

"We would have it known that the magazine stands doctrinally just where it has always stood. We believe in the integrity and absolute authority of the Holy Scriptures as a revelation from God; in the deity of Jesus Christ and His sacrificial atonement; in the lost condition of all men and justification by faith only; in the eternal, conscious retribution of the wicked who die in their sins; and the second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

This statement, made nearly forty years ago, applies without reservation today. It is our prayer—as we trust it is yours also—that we may hold fast these words of sound doctrine so long as it pleases God to continue His work through Moody Monthly.

A summary of the history of Moody Monthly would not be complete without a word of sincere appreciation to the thousands of Christian readers who have also helped to make this ministry possible. Your prayers, your interest, your continuing loyalty and support cannot be overvalued.

As is fitting for a fiftieth anniversary year, we hope to make the months ahead

outstanding with several anniversary issues designed to be of particular interest and value to our readers. Details concerning these good things to come will be presented later.

And now we turn with anticipation to the opportunities and the responsibilities of serving God and ministering to you through the printed word in the months and years ahead. May God continue to bless our association, one with another, and may it bring forth much fruit for His glory.

In the World or of the World?

Many of our readers will have noted the recent full-page advertisement headed by the question, "What are our churches coming to?"

Referring to a series of articles in a popular secular magazine, the advertisement spoke of a "new, progressive church leadership which is battling for unity, tolerance, peace, brotherhood and a fair distribution of this world's wealth." Such church leadership was contrasted with that in churches which, the advertisement said, are considered by outsiders to be "narrow," out of step with our times and which offer "pie in the sky (or fire and brimstone) instead of an honest answer to today's questions."

Unity, tolerance, peace, brotherhood and the fair distribution of this world's wealth should certainly be matters of concern to Christians. We believe wholeheartedly that the Bible, and the Church universal through Christ its Head, not only give light on such aspects of human relations, but that they offer the only satisfying answers to the perplexing questions of today. But the kind of church effort apparently described, an effort which is not founded on the atoning work of Christ for sinful men, is and will be powerless to bring men appreciably closer to the objectives set forth by the "new church leadership."

It is interesting to note that this "new leadership" is not as new as it might seem. THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS MAGAZINE for September, 1910, quotes an editorial from THE BIBLICAL WORLD as saying, "There is a widespread feeling that we are witnessing the rise of a new type of Christianity different in some respects from any that has preceded it."

Commenting on this, Dr. James M. Grav wrote:

"We concur (in believing that we are witnessing the rise of a new type of

Christianity), gathering our information, however, not so much from what is happening around us, though we are neither blind nor deaf to that, but from what the Founder of the old type of Christianity Himself said.

"In Jesus Christ's discourse to His disciples, recorded in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, He faithfully warned them that in the last days many false prophets should arise and deceive many, while in another place He is recorded as saying, 'When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?' The faith referred to was that which He Himself founded, the faith of the gospel; the inference being that because of the depravity of the natural heart and the subtlety of the evil one, it would become outwardly, at least, a diminishing quantity toward the end.

"It would cause surprise to the faithful followers of Jesus Christ, therefore, if a new type of Christianity did not arise before He came the second time. Its existence in Christendom is not a cause of alarm so much as of encouragement. This is not to say that the new type of Christianity is either divine or true, but that its presence at this time is a fulfillment of the prophecies of Sacred Writ, and insofar, a corroboration of the Bible as a revelation from God and a means of strengthening our faith.

"A characteristic of the new Christianity," Dr. Gray continues, "is that it will not lay stress upon theology, but more upon character and conduct... It will welcome to its fellowship men of widely different types of theological belief or doubt, but not men of widely different moral purposes..."

Although the so-called new leadership is not new, it is true that in many respects the lines of cleavage between it and Bible-based Christianity are more sharply drawn than ever before. This is strikingly illustrated by a paragraph from the previously mentioned full-page advertisement which invites "non-churchgoing believers who are all for religion but hate hypocrites" to help "take the balance of power away from reactionaries" and put across the program of the new leadership.

Thus the issue seems clear. If the Church of Jesus Christ will renounce its heavenly citizenship, if it will forget the cross of Christ by which its members have been crucified to the world and the world to it, if the church and its members will take up the interests, programs and reforms of the world, then will the world in turn welcome the support and assistance of the church.

Let the church, pastor or individual Christian who is tempted to follow this "new leadership" remember the words of Jesus to His disciples in the fifteenth chapter of John: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant

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Coming Next Month

The Weak Made Strong. The inspiring story of David Brainerd, whose brief but fruitful life has had a mighty impact on heroes of the Christian faith for more than two centuries.

Dentistry as a Field of Christian Service. A helpful and practical glimpse of unusual opportunities for worthwhile ministry for Christ in another modern-day profession.

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Answers to Prayer. Prayer testimonies from Moody Monthly readers.



By CHARLES J. WOODBRIDGE

THERE are some who feel that missions are a colossal blunder. They intimate that like "The Charge of the Light Brigade," the effort to extend the Christian faith to those around the world is at best an inspiring example of heroic futility.

But the Bible believer does not share this view. He is persuaded that the missionary imperative is more pressing today

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The word "imperative" is derived from the Latin imperium, meaning "a command." Before our Saviour went to be with the Father, He commanded His disciples to bear the glad tidings of redemption to the uttermost part of the earth. And this command has been handed on to us.

Why is the Saviour's command so imperative? Why is the challenge to go and teach so all-embracive and compelling? The answer to these questions is twofold: there is the general, universal, perennial answer; and there is the particular, contemporary answer.

In GENERAL, at least four fundamental truths constrain believers to go and to give that Christ's salvation may be proclaimed around the globe.

The first of these truths is the fact that the Christian gospel is by nature imperialistic. The message of universal sin and its remedy in the atoning death and justifying resurrection of Christ brooks no rivalry. Ethnic religions are the upreach of the human heart after God. Christianity is the downreach of the Almighty to man.

No mere religion can ever be a substitute for faith in Jesus Christ. Apart from the work of Christ on Calvary, all men, regardless of their clime, environment, character, or degree of culture, are lost. The Christian faith is unique and exclusive. By nature it is self-propagating. It displaces false views of life and destiny and replaces them with the truth of God.

Behind the need for missions today are reasons as old as the gospel, as new as history in the making

A second truth is the fact that men everywhere stand in desperate need of the gospel. In spite of the fact that nearly two millenniums have passed since Christ issued His command, multitudes have never yet had the gospel fully preached to them. In thousands of Chinese villages, in wide areas of Africa, India, South America and the islands of the sea, the name of the Son of God is relatively unknown

Self-satisfied complacency at home has often stifled missionary effort. But there are still, thank God, ears that the Spirit of God has opened, eyes whose vision is unmarred by unbelief or worldliness, hearts that are truly loyal to the Saviour's command. There are still young men and women in the homeland who appreciate the world's need and who are eager to go forth in the Spirit to supply that need.

The missionary challenge is imperative, in the third place, because of the complete adequacy of the gospel to satisfy the deepest needs of men. The glory of the Christian message is that it precisely meets the world's need. Souls that are burdened with sin find in Christ their Saviour. Hungry hearts discover that He is the Bread of life. Feet that stumble in the darkness of superstition and spiritual degradation learn that He is the Light of the world. Harassed, distraught men and women, lost in the wilderness of frustration, rejoice to know that He is the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for His own. Souls which are dead in trespasses and sin are taught that He is "the resurrection and the life." Every area of human need is perfectly matched by Christ's heavenly supply.

A fourth fact which makes the missionary imperative still valid and urgent is that the Captain of our salvation has commanded us to advance and has never

sounded a retreat. Our marching orders have been clearly given and never repealed. The terms of the Great Commission still obtain: they commit believers to the task of missions.

The golden chain of sending which connects the Father's loving heart with the hearts of His children through the centuries has never been broken. Our Saviour prayed: "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" (John 17:18). The links of the chain are firm and enduring: the Father sent the Son: the Son sent His disciples; a succession of "sent-ones" followed; and today the process of sending continues with unabated zeal in the missionary movement. The program of the Church has always centered around her obligation to witness, not only in Jerusalem, but unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The missionary imperative becomes a personal challenge when the Holy Spirit lays these four fundamental truths upon a Christian's heart. It is He who kindles the flame of missionary enthusiasm and enlists candidates for missionary service. But He utilizes these truths as fuel to the burning. He plants within the souls of obedient children of God an urge, nay, a longing, to man the front-line trenches in the name of the immortal Son of God.

Let no one volunteer to be a missionary unless the Holy Spirit calls him. But when the Spirit calls, let him answer with alacrity, "Here am I, send me." For the entire missionary movement must be Spirit-inspired, Spirit-organized, Spirit-directed, and Spirit-motivated. Otherwise it seems no longer imperative and becomes only another humanitarian effort.

But in addition to these fundamental truths, there are recent developments in the history of missions which make our

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How do our missionaries live and work?
Here is a fascinating, firsthand answer.

By Paul F. Robinson

HURSDAY, March 10-In Mexico City! Only this morning we said good-by to our families at the Chicago Municipal Airport, and walked up the ramp into a big Braniff DC-6. Dallas . Houston . . . then, after ten hours of flight, we saw the dazzling splendor of Mexico City.

Friday, March 11-This afternoon, after getting our papers in order, we were shown Mexico City. About twenty-five miles outside the city we saw the pyramids, larger in volume than those of Egypt, though not so high. Here thousands of young women were sacrificed in days gone by.

Saturday, March 12-First stop today was the Mexican city of Oaxaca.

Later at Tuxtla we were met by Jim Lomheim, Missionary Aviation Fellowship pilot, who serves several mission boards in southern Mexico. His little yellow plane stood ready to take us to the jungle training camp, but because the plane was small and our baggage load was heavy, it was not possible to take both Mr. Crowell and me on the same trip. As I prepared for my first real missionary aviation trip, it was a thrill to know we would be making what used to be an eight-day journey in a little more than an hour!

After reaching the necessary seven thousand feet altitude, we wound our way over the rugged terrain and through the mountain passes. There at the edge of the jungle landing strip we were met by about a dozen missionary trainees who are orienting themselves by three months of actual living in the jungle.

Jim left again for Tuxtla, and I looked around a bit. I am impressed as never before with the need for planes and radio facilities in this beautiful place-ordinarily seven days from a doctor and two days from the nearest telegraph service.

Sunday, March 13-Had coffee and eggs with Bess Nurminger, the jungle training camp nurse, who does a bit of cooking in her dispensary. The patients started coming in at eight o'clock. People with malaria, colds, infections, worms and anemia were treated out there in front of her little mud hut. I was marveling at the need for missionary medical training, when I saw an Indian man on a horse carrying a child in his arms, followed by a woman carrying a baby. As the family approached, it became evident that the little two-year-old girl was almost dead with double pneumonia. Her lips were purple and her nostrils distended as she struggled for breath.

The nurse injected penicillin while everyone in the camp prayed for that little child. All day long the pitiable family remained in front of the hut. Late in the afternoon the little girl seemed better. As they left this evening, they were told to come back tomorrow morning should the child still be alive.

VI ONDAY, March 14-After several hours with no word from the sick girl, a messenger was sent off to the Indians' village. He found the child apparently much better. Later the parents came back with her for more treatment, As the happy family was about to leave, Miss Nurminger gathered them about her and, reminding them of the miracle which God had wrought, told them of the power of the gospel to save from sin, and prayed with them before sending them on their way. What a wonderful min-

Today I saw an unforgettable sightthe consecration of new gods in a Lacondon village. The so-called gods are merely small clay bowls with hideous faces sculptured on the sides. These idols are placed in rows in the god house, then filled with

EDITORS' NOTE: The writer, an aviator and ordeined minister, recently returned from EDITORS' NOTE: The writer, an aviator and ordained minister, recently returned from a thirty-day missionary survey of Latin America, where he shared in a firsthand study of the use now being made of aviation, radio and photography on the mission field. His observations concerning missionaries, their growing dependence upon planes and radio, as well as his notes on the rigors of missionary life, provide a fascinating glimpse of present-day missionary work. Mr. Robinson, co-ordinator of the new Missionary Technical Course at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and Henry C. Crowell, executive vice-president of the Institute, traveled ten thousand miles by air over several mission fields. Information compiled by the two men is being used to gear the school's program of technical training more closely to actual needs on the mission field. black pitch, which is burned to consume the fermented liquid the people "feed" the idols during their heathen worship. After feeding the gods, the worshipers gorge themselves with the liquid until they can hold no more. This they womit and go back for another filling. The process is repeated again and again and will be all night tonight. What a difference Christ would make here!

Thursday, March 17-Flying out to Tuxtla this morning, we decided to stop at Tombalá, a jungle airstrip located on the side of a mountain forty-one hundred feet high. The landing strip is nine hundred feet long and slopes so that there is a ninety-foot drop from one end to the other. We rolled less than a hundred feet after landing. Because of the heavy load, I got out and walked to the top of the airstrip. Even so, it took more than normal cruising power to taxi the plane up the incline. The take-off was accomplished, of course, by turning around and taking off downhill. Here again there was no chance to misjudge. Missionary pilots must be well trained.

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This afternoon we took off at 12:30 for Tapachula, Mexico, where we boarded our Convair for Guatemala City.

Friday, March 18—Took off from Guatemala City at 3:00 P.M. in a DC-4 with the Panama Canal Zone as our destination. Right on schedule at 9:45 this evening, the Pacific end of the Panama Canal Zone came in view, twinkling below us like a great carnival. We were met by Captain and Mrs. Rose, who are stationed at a naval base here, and driven to their home.

Sunday, March 20—Attended the First Baptist Church of Balboa tonight. In speaking with Pastor Beeby after the service I found that Panama is a "forgotten country." Panama City alone, with 150,000 people, has no strong evangelical testimony. It is a needy field, and we were requested to be much in prayer for a radio station which the First Baptist Church is now instituting to reach some of these people. Here, as in every country visited, came the plea for more workers in a field white unto harvest.

Tuesday, March 22—Took off this morning in a DC-3 with six other passengers aboard. We stopped at Cali, Colombia; Quito, Ecuador, ten thousand feet up in the Andes; then an hour later at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

It was dark when we came in over Lima, but indescribably beautiful. We were met by Cameron Townsend, director of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and about fifteen other missionaries. Early tomorrow morning Larry Montgomery and I are to leave in the Grumman Duck for a flight over the Andes to the Wycliffe jungle base in Pucallpa, Peru.

Wednesday, March 23—Up at seven o'clock to enjoy the great thrill of hearing two-way radio conversations between several Wycliffe mission stations out in the jungle beyond the Andes. There we learned the weather situation on the other side of the mountains, and the condition of the rivers in which we might land the big amphibian. We received a list of emergency supplies which were needed three hundred miles across

the Andes, and we told them of our travel

As it turned out, however, those plans had to be changed and I'm still in Lima. On getting the Duck up to fourteen thousand feet and while still on the west slope of the Andes, the generator began acting up. A few minutes later sagging fuel pressure indicated trouble in the pump, and we were forced to turn back while we could.

Thursday, March 24—After checking over the Grumman Duck, it was decided to abandon the idea of taking it over the mountains now, so Mr. Crowell and I left Lima this morning by commercial plane.

Once beyond the mountains, we were above jungle. It was almost more breath-taking than the mountains. Jungle and sky and sky and jungle, with not a break anywhere except here and there a river. Our destination, Pucallpa, turned out to be a real jungle town of about one thousand population.

Headquarters for the mission group in Pucallpa is the Hocking home. Joe Hocking is a Brethren missionary, working here with his wife and six children. We were interested in the family pets. The most honored member of the menagerie seemed to be a young boa constrictor about seven feet long, a lively little fellow who would coil himself tightly about your arm and show how hard he could squeeze.

This afternoon several of us flew over to the site of the new jungle base being erected on a lake about three miles from Pucallpa. Landing on the lake, I practiced a bit of wingman operation. In this amphibian, when landings are made in rivers with swift currents, the copilot must climb out with a long rope, walk to the tip of the wing, fasten the rope to the wing strut and throw the other end of the rope to someone ashore. This is a mighty tricky operation. The slip stream from the propeller blasts you as you climb out over the side, and as you near the wing tip your weight forces the "float" down into the water so that the river rushes over the top of the lower wing panel, nearly washing your feet out from under you.

Friday, March 25—Today we made the hour and thirty-five minute flight to Huau—pronounced "wow"—with Janet Bailey, Ellen Ross and 1,050 pounds of baggage and supplies, including a radio and a gasoline generator. The two girls are to establish a new station about two hundred miles up the Urubamba River among the Machiguenga Indians.

At Huau, we were met by a cluster of Indians and by the three girls who carry on the work there—Esther Matteson, Doris Cox and Laurie Anderson.

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PLANES and pilots are outmoding slow, dangerous travel by dugout canoe.

RADIO spans jungle distances; links widely scattered mission stations.

JUNGLE DISPENSARIES provide medicine for sick bodies and lost souls.

AUTHOR PAUL ROBINSON ate, slept and lived in typical missionary quarters.









Why Christ Died

By DYKE WILSON

A searching study with a challenge for every Christian to live wholly and fully for his Lord

esus set His face as a flint toward Jerusalem. He knew all that awaited Him there, yet He turned not back. He rebuked Peter for even desiring to hinder Him.

Though He laid His enemies on their backs with a word, yet He willingly surrendered Himself to them. He gave His back to the smiters and His cheeks to those that plucked off the hair. He hid not His face from shame and spitting,

from slaps and blows.

He went forth bearing His cross. He allowed the spikes to be driven through His hands and feet. Though He was reviled, yet He reviled not again. Only when the burden of our sins was laid upon Him, and the wrath of God's holy law against us was meted out to Him, do we hear Him cry out. Note His cry of unspeakable agony—"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'

Why did He do all this? Was it simply to save souls from hell and take them to heaven? Was it only to make us happy?

Why does one pay a great price for anything? Is it not to satisfy a great desire? Surely, if our Lord had desires so strong that He willingly became man, suffered the opposition of sinners for many years, and finally went through those hours of immeasurable agony under the wrath of God, we who have been so greatly blessed should be vitally interested in seeing Him satisfied.

Why did He give Himself? We cannot enjoy fellowship with Him if we do not know and sympathize with that which is upon His heart. We cannot please Him if we do not know and walk in the way in which He yearns for us to walk. Therefore I desire to set before you, briefly, some of the plain declarations of the Holy Spirit as to why He died.

A Work of Restoration

First, our Lord died in order that He might recover, restore and return the earthly kingdom to God. "For to this end Christ died and lived again that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living" (Rom. 14:9).*

Adam was placed at the head of the present creation on this earth; he was lord of all he surveyed. Every created thing moved in harmony with his will, because all were carrying out the will of God. All was good.

Satan appeared on the scene and deceived Eve. She seduced Adam. Adam hearkened, deliberately disobeyed, lost his crown, and wrecked his kingdom. The creation was thrown off center, and, like an unbalanced fly wheel, destroyed itself. The wreckage has been strewn along the path of time, and you and I are a part of it (Rom. 8:21, 22).

Only through death and resurrection could our Lord restore and return what had been lost, for we were sold under sin. He paid the price. He is Lord of all. As the second Adam, He is the center of the new creation, and all will yet move in harmony about Him and own Him Lord.

The name which you bear-Christian -means one who belongs to Christ. Is He truly the Lord of your life? Do you hear His words? Are you a new creation

Christ died for our sins (I Cor. 15:3). Why? Christ died for the ungodly (Rom, 5:6). Why? Christ died for us (Rom, 5:8). Why?

in Christ Jesus (I Cor. 15:20-28; Phil. 2:9-11: II Cor. 5:17)?

Second, Christ died to deliver us from conformance to the world. "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil world, according to the will of our God and Father" (Gal. 1:4)

"This present evil world" refers not to a bygone age nor to a coming one, but to this present world which has rejected and cast out the Son of God. "The lust [desire] of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the vainglory of life is not of the Father, but is of the world." This world serves not our Lord Jesus Christ. It is occupied with serving the flesh, the eves, and the vainglory of life. This is the essence of sin. To be like the world is the great desire of the natural man. Our Lord could say, "I do always the things that are pleasing to him" (John

The Lord of glory died that He might deliver us from world likeness. Then why so much time, money and thought spent on food and drink? Why the grasping after houses and lands, stocks and bonds, autos and radios, instead of laying up treasure in heaven? Why the close following after ungodly fashions instead of adorning the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ (I Pet. 3:3, 4)? Why the feasting on the shallow and poisonous literature of the day? The terrible indictment brought against certain professing Chris-

tians is that they are "the enemies of the cross of Christ," and the reason is that they "mind earthly things" (Phil. 3:17-21)

He died for our sins. What are our sins? Not only immoral or irreligious acts, but "doing the desires of the flesh and the mind." And how does Christ deliver? By making His cross a reality in the lives of His people (Gal. 6:14). Do you glory in this cross? Are you delivered from this present evil world? Has He died in vain as far as you are concerned?

To Sanctify His Church

Third, He died that He might sanctify the Church, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25-27)

Christ died that we might be cut loose from the world of the ungodly and set apart for Him, a peculiar treasure. He would put a three days' journey between His chosen ones and the mass of humanity. He would take them through the cross and the tomb to resurrection

His Church is to be not only set apart for Him, but also prepared for His presence: inwardly holy and outwardly without blemish. The Scriptures say, "That he might present the church to himself . holy and without blemish." To this end He has given us His Spirit and His Word - the Holy Spirit and the Holy Scriptures. Are they a power in your life, cleansing and making holy?

We are too much afraid of the word "holiness," but God gives it a prominent place in His thoughts concerning us. He is holy, and so all who would enter His presence must be holy (Heb. 12:10-14). God has predestinated us to be conformed to the image of His Son. He, the corn of wheat, died that we might be the "much fruit." Like produces like. Is He seeing His desires fulfilled in you? Are you ready to be presented as one of His Church?

To Make Us His Own

Fourth, Christ died that He might possess us. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

^{*}American Standard Version throughout.

Have you noticed that the thought of present separation and cleansing is prominent in all the passages we have considered? God's salvation is a present salvation. Future salvation from judgment and punishment is only secondary. God would save us from that which would bring us into judgment—our sins. We do not read that His name was to be called Jesus because He would save people from hell, but because He would save His people from their sins. He saw us in the bonds of iniquity and desired us for Himself.

He gave Himself for us that He might redeem us, purify us, possess us, and use us. Is His work evident in your life? Are you His—spirit, soul, and body? Has He seen of the travail of His soul in you and been satisfied?

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Fifth, Jesus died that He might bear the guilt of our sins. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12).

On the great day of atonement a bullock was sacrificed for the priests and a goat for the people. The animals' blood was sprinkled within the veil, but their bodies were burned without the camp. As the blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sins, these offerings had to be repeated year after year. "We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all . . . For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10:10, 14).

He came to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. His body was prepared for this very purpose (Heb. 10:5-7). That He might bear away our sins, He suffered without the gate. That was God's side. He also suffered without the gate because those within rejected and cast Him out. They had said, "Away with him." They sinned against God, even as in the day when Aaron made the calf of gold, and Moses pitched the tabernacle "without the camp" instead of "in the midst."

In those days "every one that sought Jehovah went out unto the tent of meeting, which was without the camp" (Exod. 33:7). Ever since "our Lord has been rejected and by the world disowned," God has been calling His people, who have been sanctified by the blood, to go out of the camp of empty profession and open hostility unto His rejected Son. Are you inside or outside? Have you heard the call, "Let us therefore go forth unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach"?

Life for Sinners

Sixth, Christ died that He might give us life. "Since the children are sharers in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death he might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the devil: and might deliver all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14, 15).

We were born to live, but sin brought death. He was born to die so that we, through His death and resurrection, might live. He became one of us, though without sin, and put Himself under the sentence of death that we might be one with Him in the life that is life indeed.

Had He not taken upon Himself the seed of Abraham and died for us, we would see nothing but death and all its terrors ahead of us. This is what troubled many of the Old Testament saints. Should we not praise God that because He died and rose again, the terror of death is gone, and in its stead we have a merciful and faithful high priest in whom we can rejoice? "O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? . . . thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:55-57).

Seventh, He gave Himself that He might restore us to fellowship with the Father. "Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made

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Christ's Judgment Seat

KEN DODSON

The day will come when I shall meet
My Saviour and my lovely Lord,
To lay my trophies at His feet,
And there receive my sweet reward.

Will angel choirs rejoice with me,
Because of glorious vic'tries won?
Or will the angels silent be,
To wait in vain my Lord's "Well done"?

That solemn hour—His judgment seat— The goal of life for me must be, For in His presence I must meet My deeds in life, whate'er they be.

So from my heart of hearts I pray, "Lord, keep me faithful unto Thee, That never shall I hear Thee say, 'My child, I am ashamed of thee!'"

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alive in the spirit" (I Pet. 3:18).

"Him who knew no sin he made sin on our behalf; that we might become the

righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21).

Adam and Eve were driven from the presence of God because of sin, and the sword which turned every way prevented their return. They lost their own righteousness. They lost their glory. They were naked. God shed blood and clothed them with the coverings of the victims. This was a token which spoke of the coming Lamb whose blood would be shed for us and who Himself would become our righteousness. The sword that kept Adam out has now opened a door through which we can come into God's presence again (Zech. 13:7). He can bring us to God because He has suffered for sins and been "made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption" (I Cor. 1:30).

Are we on this resurrection ground and enjoying God, our proper portion? If we are His, this is His desire for us.

"That We Might"

Eighth, He died that we might serve

and follow Him. "And he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again" (II Cor. 5:15).

Up to this point the reasons for His death have been characterized by the expression "that he might." From here on, the reasons can be expressed in the words "that we might." In the present instance it is "that they . . . should."

A young woman who claimed the right to please herself because she had been saved and set "free" confounded liberty with license. Only he who does the will of God is truly a free man. God's law is the law of liberty to the free man. Those who walk in His ways cannot be restrained by Satan and will not be re-

strained by God.

A true Christian is one who has been linked with the Lord in death and resurrection. He has been brought into the new creation where Christ is the center. He is a member of a living body of which Christ is the Head. Living unto self is the essence of sin, for it makes self the center and head of the life instead of Christ. This is the true "preaching of the cross" that is "foolishness" to so many, even to many who profess to be Christians. The cross puts death between the child of God and all that is of this present evil world-its religions, politics, treasures, pleasures, and all other things that have the pre-eminent place in the hearts and minds of earth dwellers.

Can you say with Paul, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave

himself up for me"?

Called to Oneness with Christ

The true preaching of the cross is not simply a declaration of the sacrificial aspect of our Lord's death, but the call to a practical identification with Him (through faith in Him) in His death, burial, and resurrection into newness of life. Our Lord's call is to discipleship; that is inseparable from denying self, taking up one's cross, and following Him.

Are you living unto self, or unto the One who set the example for all true disciples by leaving us His footprints in

the Gospels?

Ninth, our Lord died for us that we might live unto righteousness. "Who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Pet. 2:24).

In Philippians 3:17-21 we read of professors who are the enemies of the cross of Christ. Over the door to the New Testament we read—"Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for it is he that shall save his people from their sins." The cross is the dividing line, and, remember, a line has no width. You cannot stop on the cross, as many try to do. Our Lord is not on the cross now, but in glory; He is Lord of glory. You cannot be saved in your sins. If you died with Him, you are also risen in Him. You are either dead in sins, or dead to sins and living unto

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MY MISSIONARY



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TURN with me, if you will, to Ezekiel 3:17-19. I am going to change some of the words in this passage in order to make it applicable to the mission field. Note the changes carefully.

"Christian worker, I have made thee a watchman: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give warning from me. When I say unto the heathen, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the heathen from his heathenish way, to save his life; the same heathen shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the heathen, and he turn not from his heathenish, nor from his heathenish way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

"His blood will I require at thine hand."
When I read those words, I tremble.

Down through the years, my life has been tremendously motivated by great missionary mottoes. But one has perhaps meant more to me than any other. It is this, "The supreme task of the church is the evangelization of the world." I believe that with all my heart.

THE SUPREME TASK Of the church of Jesus Christ is the evangelization of the world. When God loved, He loved a world. When He gave His Son, He gave His Son for a world. God's vision is a world vision. That is the vision He wants us to have.

A message mightily used of God in stirring His people to all-out missionary effort.

By OSWALD J. SMITH

Most of us are localized in our outlook. We see only our own community, our own village or town, and we never see beyond. Or we think only of our own church and have no interest in what others are doing. Why? Is it because we are nearsighted?

When I was leaving Jamaica sometime ago I stepped into a plane. First of all I saw only the local surroundings. Then as I rose higher, I saw fields and farm homes. As I got higher still, I was able to see valleys and mountains in the distance. Finally, I could look down upon

the entire island of Jamaica, and if I could have gone high enough, I could have seen all the islands of the West Indies at a single glance.

God looks down upon an entire world and sees every country, continent and island at the same time. If we could only see the world as He does!

Why do we think we are the people, and that we are more important than any of the other peoples of the world? In Great Britain, I found the people saying in effect, "We're the people." In Australia and New Zealand, it was the same. As I travel throughout the United States I hear it on every side, "We're the people." I was once on a little bit of an island in the Pacific, and even there the natives were saying, "We're the peo-ple." "You Americans," they would say, why is it that you live on the outer fringe of civilization? Why don't you live nearer the center of things?" They were localized in their outlook, they did not have a world vision. They thought they were the most important people of the

Do we fail to have a world outlook because we think we are the most numerous? Some of us, I am afraid, forget that there are other nations with even larger populations.

While in the Dutch East Indies, I traveled through the island of Java. I found that it could be crossed from one end to the other in about twelve hours and from north to south in about four hours. Yet Java contains more than one-third of the population of the United States. If God is interested in numbers, then God is more interested in Java than He is in my country, the Dominion of Canada, for there are only 12 million in Canada, while there are 50 million in Java.

If God is interested in numbers, then He is more interested in the United States than He is in Java, for whereas Java has 50 million, the United States has 140 million. If God is interested in numbers, then He is more interested in Russia than He is in the United States, for there are 200 million in Russia, the largest white nation on the face of the earth.

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But once again, if God is interested in numbers, then He is most interested in China, because there are 475 million in China, the largest nation in the world. Every fifth baby born into the world is born a Chinese.

Why then should we who are but a few among the millions conceive of ourselves as *the* people? Why should we be local in our outlook? Oh, that God would give us a world vision, that we might work for the evangelization of the entire world, the world for which Christ died.

Now let us look at another word in our motto, the word supreme. "The supreme task of the church is the evangelization of the world." If world evangelization is our most important work, then when a missionary convention is held, we should lay everything else aside and be present at every session. Unless we do, we show by our actions that we put missions second.

If world evangelization comes first, then we should concentrate on giving to missions, and let others who do not have the vision, contribute to other things. There will always be plenty for the home work, for there are always those who put the home work first.

If you are in business, there probably is one department in your business that you look upon as more important than any other. Naturally, most of your surplus money goes into that department, because you want to develop the most important department of your business enterprise.

So it is with missions. If we think world evangelism is the most important work of the church, we shall put most of our money into this most important department. Otherwise world evangelization is not regarded as the supreme task of the church.

This leads me to say that every church should spend more on missions than it spends on itself. That is only logical.

CHALLENGE ...

If we believe that world evangelization comes first, then we should invest more money in the regions beyond than we use for ourselves here at home.

"But," you ask, "what about your church, the People's Church in Toronto, of which you are pastor? Does your church send more to the foreign field than it spends on itself?"

I am glad to be able to say that there never has been a year since I have been pastor there that we have used anything like as much on ourselves at home as we have sent to foreign fields.

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Last January I asked our auditors, through our treasurer, two questions. First, "How much did we spend on ourselves during 1947?" After examining the books they said, "In 1947 you used \$33,000 on your work at home."

Then I asked a second question. "How much did we send to the foreign field?" Again I got the answer. "In 1947 you gave \$157,000 to missions."

"Splendid," I replied. "That is the way it always has been, and that is the way it should be."

And if the time ever comes when the officials of the People's Church decide to spend more here at home and less on missions, they will get my resignation without a moment's hesitation. I would not want to be the pastor of a church that would use more, selfishly, here at home than it sent to the regions beyond I am glad we gave \$157,000 to missions and we spent only \$33,000 on ourselves.

Many years ago, on the Sunday morning that I was to preach my first sermon as pastor of the People's Church, the treasurer approached me with a very grim expression. "Dr. Smith," he said, "we have told you everything there is to tell you about this church except one thing." Then he paused. "This church," he continued, "is deeply in debt. We owe a great deal of money, and we have nothing in the treasury." And then he looked at me as though he expected me to put my hand in my pocket, take out the money and give it to him, telling him to run away and pay the bills.

Instead, I turned and went into the pulpit, and as I went I prayed. "Lord," I said, "I have been wanting to find out for a long time whether or not Matthew 6:33 really works from a practical standpoint. 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God [the extension of God's kingdom worldwide] . . and all these things shall be added unto you.'"

That morning I preached a missionary sermon. Sunday evening came. I should have brought an evangelistic message, but again I felt led to speak on missions. Then I asked the people to come back every night that week; and every night I spoke on missions. By Friday they were coming in increasing numbers, perhaps out of curiosity.

Then, I suppose they folded their arms,

saying to one another, "This new pastor of ours, we cannot understand him. He doesn't seem to have any sermons except on missions. But the second Sunday is coming. Perhaps then he will really start to preach."

I can remember the second Sunday as though it were yesterday. At the morning service I made an announcement. "We are going to hold three services today," I said, "and take up three missionary offerings."

That morning I spoke on missions and took up a missionary offering. I did the same in the afternoon and again at night. Here I was, hardly saying a word about home needs and yet taking all the money I could get from them for missions. But now for the sequel.

The people became so interested, so aroused, so awakened, that they came to church in ever increasing numbers. Souls were saved, and in a very short time every seat was taken. Before long they had caught the vision, and they began to give as they had never given before. Within a few weeks, without having to say hardly anything about the local obligations, every debt was paid, every bill met. From that day to this we have not known the meaning of the word "debt" in connection with our work. We discovered that when we put first things first, God worked.

The trouble in many churches is that the cart is put before the horse, and then the pastor is told to get up on the seat and drive. Of course he finds the going hard. If only we would reverse the order and accept God's plan, we would get somewhere and the going would be easy. "Seek ye first the extension of God's kingdom world-wide, and all things shall be added." God's program never fails. All we have to do is to put first things first and watch God work.

THE THIRD WORD I WANT to emphasize is the word church, "The supreme task of the church is the evangelization of the world." When I think of the church, I think of the whole church, and not merely of a department or an organization in the church, For instance, we do not have a Women's Missionary Society in the People's Church. Not because I am against such a society. I thank God for every Women's Missionary Society. Sometimes the only missionary light that shines is the light that shines from a Women's Missionary Society. But I can show you in two minutes why it would be impossible for us to have such

Suppose I were to call together a little group of women, a dozen or more, and say, "Now you are to become a Women's Missionary Society, and your work will be that of evangelizing the world." What then would I be saying to everyone else

and to all the other organizations in the church? I would be saying, "Evangelizing the world is not the most important work of the church. Let these women take care of the evangelization of the world; and the rest of us, those of us who are men, we will do something really worthy of our manhood."

No, my friends! Every man in my church is a member of the "Women's Missionary Society." And I see to it, as far as possible, that every member of my choir, each one of my elders, managers and deacons, every usher, every Sunday school teacher and officer, and every boy and girl contributes to missions. We do not have the parents give for the children. The children give for themselves. From the time they are five or six they are taught to give systematically. Then when they have grown up, they are accustomed to giving.

The work of evangelizing the world is far too important to hand over to any one organization. It belongs to the whole church, and when everyone catches the vision and everyone does something, then our goal is reached and our budget met. Our motto is, "Every Christian a missionary." World evangelization is the work of the whole church.

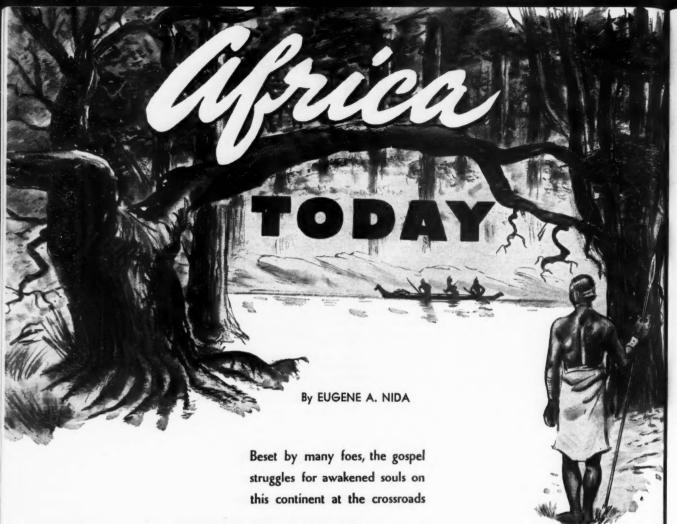
Everywhere I go I am asked the question, "How do you get such offerings? Where does the money come from? You must have a church of millionaires." That is what the editor of Canada. Roman Catholic paper thought when he saw the report in the daily press. He wrote and asked me if our membership is made up of wealthy people. When I replied in the negative, he was astonished. We do not have any real wealth in our church. Our gifts come from a multitude of ordinary people.

At one time an official of the foreign mission board of a large denomination asked me for the secret, and wanted to know why the giving of his denomination had decreased. "My friend," I said, "you have put missions in the budget and you appeal to the people for a dead, cold budget, and then you divide the money as you see fit. It will never do. Worldwide evangelism is too important to be put in a budget. You will have to go back to the great missionary rallies of the days of the Student Volunteer Movement, when multitudes of young men and women were inspired to go. People will never give to a budget. They must have inspiration." He admitted that I was right.

How do we get funds for missions? Perhaps if I were to tell you how we do not get them, it would help. We do not raise money by suppers, bazaars, concerts, rummage sales, or oyster stews. Such methods will not work.

Humanly speaking, I am responsible for the personal support of well over two hundred missionaries. Every month I

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HRISTIANS every where may be truly thankful to God for the amazing spread of the gospel in Africa, During the last fifteen years there have

been outstanding revivals in a number of areas, and the Spirit of God has been poured out in great convicting power.

Perhaps the greatest revival began about seventeen years ago in Uganda and spread into Kenya, Tanganyika, Congo, and Ruanda-Urundi. Tens of thousands have been called back into fellowship with Christ, and other thousands have been won to His name.

In the lower Congo one mission last year experienced a 15 per cent increase in church membership, the greatest increase in its history. Of course church membership does not always mean saved souls. But this mission, like most missions in Africa, is far more careful about admitting people to church membership than most churches at home. Each candidate must receive instruction for approximately one year, and during that time his conduct is carefully watched to determine whether he fully understands the meaning of the new life which Christ

demands of His disciples.

In some places the outpouring of the Spirit has been so great that here and there missionaries have actually prayed that God might stay the tide of revival until such time as new converts could be instructed in the meaning of the good news. Imagine thousands of people accepting Christ, but not enough trained workers to teach them and not enough Scriptures to give them! And even if they had the Scriptures, almost all such converts would be unable to read. Someone must teach them.

This is the practical and spiritual problem which confronts much of the missionary work in Africa today. It is not enough to preach the message, for without careful teaching those who have been steeped in pagan traditions will mistake the true message of the gospel. In the excitement of revival, thousands may be led to make decisions without real understanding, later to lapse back into the old ways of fetishes, charms, and witchcraft. They presume that they have experienced the new birth, when in reality they never knew enough of God's rich grace to follow the narrow path that leads to life.

In other parts of Africa, especially French Equatorial Africa, French West Africa and the Sudan, new tribes are being opened to the message of salvation. In some cases this has followed years of bitter opposition, but finally the Word

is going forth.

Despite these many thrilling evidences of God's working, there are staggering problems which, humanly speaking, would seem to threaten the very existence of the Christian Church. The most immediate danger seems to be the rising tide of nationalistic Mohammedanism, which is pressing down from the north. All the way from West Africa to the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan a revived Islam is extending its dominating influence. Its appeal is powerful, for it gives the African the prestige of a foreign religion, and at the same time makes practically no moral demands upon him. A native may be a good Mohammedan and still practice black magic, fortify himself with dozens of charms, and carry on life with scarcely a change, except perhaps in his dress. Furthermore, as a Mohammedan he has religious equality and he can enter any mosque anywhere and worship. This is not true in so-called Christian society, for he is not accepted in many of the Christian churches attended principally by whites living in large cities or government posts.

In this respect Mohammedanism has come to practice something which the Christian Church must relearn or perish: that God did make of "one blood all nations." A native who finds that an Arab trader manifests less race prejudice

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than the white American missionary is, of course, won to the cause of Islam. It is unutterably tragic and deplorably true that some missionaries are racially prejudiced and treat the natives with far less real consideration than some government officials. Fortunately, this is not typical, but even a few instances of racial pride can destroy the effectiveness of our message. The writer has witnessed such displays of racial bigotry. These were especially lamentable on the part of messengers of a gospel which makes absolutely no distinction between "Jew and Greek, barbarian, Scythian, bond or free."

The white missionary almost inevitably has been associated with the European powers that have exploited the African. It is not surprising that the rising nationalism, which seeks to undermine and overthrow European domination, should attack the missions, that in some instances have been too slow to manifest genuine and intelligent sympathy with the aspirations of native peoples.

One must not underestimate the spread of Mohammedanism. Even in Tanganyika, which is below the equator, several times more natives paid their first vows to Allah and his prophet Mohammed last year than accepted the life-giving grace of the crucified Lord.

Some of the antichristian movements are not Islamic, but are purely political and materialistic. The wretched economic bondage of many peoples has stirred widespread revolt among native populations. In some areas the Communist press is the one effective voice pleading the native's cause in this matter. Indirectly, the seething unrest and revolt is the result of the missionaries' teaching. for it is the missionary that has told the native that God looks upon him as a man and not as a beast; that God is interested in his welfare; and that Christ came that people might have life and might have it more abundantly. Christianity has also taught honesty and fair dealing with one's fellow man. Now Africa is saying, "Well, if we are to treat each other by the principles which the Scripture lays down, why should we not be treated the same way by the white

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The tragic situation is that shortsighted politicians, inspired by a feverish desire to preserve their privileges and wealth, have thought that they could beat back the native demands and continue the vicious practices of white domination. In some places, particularly South Africa, this practice has even been defended on biblical grounds; namely, that the black man should never be expected to be more than "a hewer of wood and a drawer of water," and that to grant him privileges beyond that is to thwart the will of God. It is little wonder that the Negro reacts with bitter indignation against a system which has promised him release with one hand but enslaved him with the other.

One great test of the Christian message in Africa is in the sprawling slums of industrial centers springing up in the new Africa. These areas today constitute an even greater challenge to the gospel than the isolated tribes.

A further danger to the gospel lurks in the gross materialism which is besetting the modern African. Many of the old taboos which exercised a degree of social control in the villages have disappeared in the conglomerate mass of industrial compounds. The sense of clan and tribal solidarity has likewise been diminished by government action and new standards of value based upon money and possessions. We have stimulated in Africans a feverish desire to have the gadgets of our own civilization, but in many instances we have failed to give them an appreciation of the true worth of our Christian heritage. The threat of a gross materialism based upon a partially assimilated Western culture strikes at the very heart of the missionary program.

Of course, there are the isolated tribes

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1 Must Decrease

EDITH SELINDH BERGMAN

"He must increase, but I must decrease."—John 3:30

Oh, to decrease,
That He may increase,
To die to self each day!
Oh, to be less,
That He may be more,
To give Him right of way!
Yea, to be naught,
That He may be all,
Saviour and Lord and King.
Identified
Only in Christ!
Securely lost in Him!

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living almost entirely cut off from the outside world; but Africa is not the idyllic place implied by a recent popular song. There are great jungles, vast deserts, enormous expanses of grasslands, and the almost interminable "bush"; but blacks and whites are rapidly remaking Africa. Trucks are more common than lions, and bicycles more evident than snakes. It is to this new Africa that the vital message of the cross must be brought.

On the other hand, we must not overlook the yet unreached areas. There are still some 350 languages in which no part of the Word of God has yet been translated. This means that approximately that number of tribes have little or no witness. Perhaps a missionary may make an occasional visit, or a native evangelist may reach such a group once or twice a year. Even in the more well-developed centers there is need of pushing out into the isolated villages and districts, to establish schools, to organize churches, to train lay leadership, and to make Christ real to the lives of bewildered natives.

The answer to the need of Africa is in the Bible. But this Word must be in full supply, and at the present time Bible society representatives are so short

of supplies that they must guard constantly against the development of a black market in Bibles. In some areas, only natives with special letters from missionaries and church authorities can purchase Bibles; for in this severe rationing of Scriptures, only the leaders can be permitted to obtain the Word of life.

This tragic shortage is due to a number of factors: the lack of production during the war; the destruction of many production facilities; rationing of paper in Great Britain, which is the principal producer of Scriptures for Africa; and currency restrictions. All these circumstances have combined to produce an acute shortage. At the present time there is a world shortage of at least twenty million volumes of Scriptures.

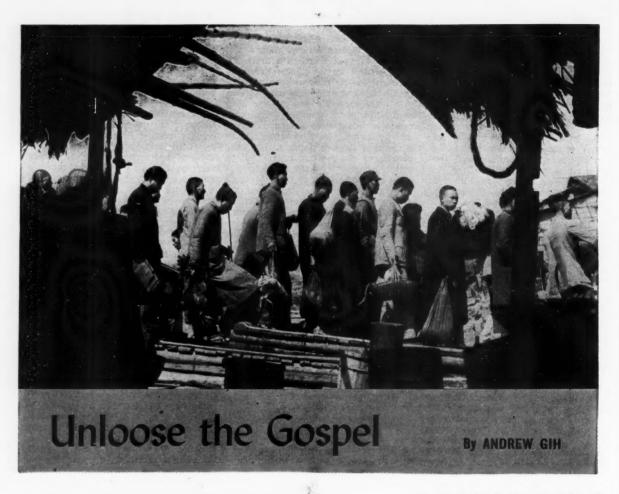
In Africa the situation is increasingly more serious because the percentage of literates is advancing in that continent more rapidly than in any other. Where missionaries used to request initial editions of two or three thousand, they are in some instances asking for as many as forty thousand volumes in the first printing; and it is expected that even an edition of such size will be exhausted within three or four years.

Bringing the Bible to people whose language is not even reduced to writing is no small task. For one thing, there are often differences of tone which distinguish words, and well over half of the languages of Africa have just such complications. For example, in Ngbaka the differences between the past, present, future, and imperative of a verb stem are indicated in the varieties of tone; whether, for example, the tone is low, or medium in height, or rising from low to high, or is high. Many of the Sudanic languages have as many as nine different types of tonal patterns on any one syllable. Furthermore, the tones are constantly changing because of the tones of preceding and following words, but the changes are not indiscriminate. Rather, they follow closely very complex grammatical systems. Actually the tones of most Sudanic languages are much more complicated than Chinese.

In addition to the tonal differences, there are many other strange sounds: the clicks, the popping noises caused by shutting off the glottis simultaneously with the various stopped sounds, strange noises that seem to hiss through the nose, and double consonants. These double consonants sound like pronouncing p and k or b and bg at the same time, and that is precisely what they are. But by the time one puts an m in front of such a combination it does sound odd to European or American ears.

Some of the expressions used by the people are equally difficult for some of us to understand. The Kipsigis of Kenya, for example, use the expression "to heal the neck" for our word "forgive." At first, such an expression might seem completely inadequate to explain God's forgiveness. But the Kipsigis explain their term by saying that if someone has something against another, it is as though he had already given the man a mortal wound in his neck. If later he forgives the man, he "heals the neck." The Kipsigis pastors

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In China and around the world, chains forged by careless Christians are hindering God's work

N Acts 12:5 we read, "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." This sentence is very simple and very plain. There is nothing spectacular in connection with this prayer meeting nor were the foundations of the earth shaken. The Scripture says simply that "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God." And God began to work and Peter was set free.

China is going through very grave, hard times, but God has called many of His people to pray for us. When God calls His people to pray, He is going to work. We feel that even now God is working in China as never before. In the past in China, people's hearts were exceptionally hard to the gospel for many, many centuries. But during these recent years, the intelligent people, the young people of college and university and high school, and a group of the leaders of our societies and of the government, are now friendly. It is good to hear of the many who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ

as their Saviour. When these people become leaders and can live the Christian life in our nation, they will exert great influence on the people.

Some may wonder about the work in China. I tell you the Church of God will march on unto victory. Whatever occurs, our God is still on the throne. He will never be dethroned and He cannot be defeated. I'm glad we are on the Victor's side. Often Chinese Christians must go through persecution. But they can take it; they are used to persecution.

If a young man from a heathen home becomes a Christian, he often endures persecution from his own parents, his people, his loved ones. Sometimes he is cast out from his home, the home he loves, because of his faith. So Chinese Christians are used to persecution and can bear it even if the persecution becomes more severe and is on a larger scale. I believe God has a purpose in it. After going through hardship, there will be grand, stalwart Christian leaders in China.

Some people believe that when Jesus was born, the three Wise Men who came to worship Him were Chinese. I'm not

sure myself, but I think the China of today is going to produce wise men to worship the Lord Jesus Christ and give Him to the people. reth

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Now, the story in the Bible is about Peter. Peter was bound in prison, and Peter was the one whom God used to open the doors for the gospel. On the day of Pentecost, he opened the doors for preaching the gospel in Judea, among the chosen people of God. Then he also was used to open the doors to the Gentiles in the house of Cornelius.

It seems to me that Paul was the feet of the Church, he walked so much, all over the known world of his time. In Europe and Asia, wherever he went, churches were founded. But if Paul was the feet of the Church, Peter was the hands of the Church. Thus in this twelfth chapter of Acts the hands of the Church were in bondage; they were in prison, chained together by fetters.

What a sad picture this is of the Church today and of the Christians who are its hands. They are in fetters. They are in bondage, in prison. They are not free to serve the Lord and to work for Him. If the hands of the Church were free, I sincerely believe that the world would be different. With conditions as they are today, we must confess, as a group of Christians, that we have not done our duty in giving out the gospel of Jesus Christ. The hands of the gospel have been bound.

A message presented at the 1949 Founder's Week Conference at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

DEVERAL THINGS can bind the hands of the Church to keep it from really working for God. The first one is the chains of worldliness. Worldliness has crept into the Church. The Church is not a separated body, different from the world. Thank God, we don't have bridge parties, dancing, and motion pictures in the churches in China. But everywhere worldliness has crept into the Church. The hands of the Church are bound by these fetters, by these chains. My dear friends, I tell you the hands will remain in bondage, we cannot live for our Lord Jesus Christ, unless we first of all ask Him to set us free from the bondage of worldliness.

Secondly, our hands can be bound by prayerlessness. We all know prayer is very necessary in the Christian life. But, my friend, do you pray? Yes, you know the importance of prayer. You know it's necessary for Christians to pray, but do you pray?

Perhaps you say, "Yes, I do, many times a day."

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That's quite a lot of times, isn't it? In the morning when you get up and you're late already, while you're dressing yourself, do you pray in a short way, "Bless me for the rest of the day. Amen," and then feel ready to rush on? When there's breakfast on the table do you say, "Thank You, God, for this wonderful food and provisions. Amen," and then rush on? In the evening perhaps you think, "I haven't taken much time to live for Him, so God knows my need for prayer." You kneel down beside your bed and start to pray, but in two or three minutes you begin to yawn and say, "I'm tired, Lord, I'm going to sleep." And so, like this, you've prayed five times. But how much time did you really spend in prayer to God? You spend hours to feed your physical body, but how much time do you spend with spiritual things? How much time do you spend in prayer?

You people in the United States are very wonderful. You have done many things. One Chinese said, "American people are wonderful. They can fly like a bird, they can swim like the fish, but they have forgotten how to walk like a man." You don't walk now, you use a car. You have the elevator and a boy who will lift you up to the sixth floor, and you don't have to move your legs at all. Yes, you have invented many things to save time-your airplane, your automobile, and your elevator. You even have a sweeper to clean the floor, and washing machines where you put your laundry in dirty and it comes out clean. You have an electric toaster that's automatic too. You put the bread in and it makes a noise—tick tock, tick tock, then it goes pop-and it's done already, like magic.

But, my friends, I tell you, though you have invented so many machines to save time, you have not invented a prayer machine, so you should not try to save time when you pray. When you go to your knees to pray, spend time before God. The hours spent in other places may be wasted, but I remind you that the time spent on your knees is never wasted. God spend before Him.

If you pray, you must expect God to answer your prayers. You say a few sentences and rush on and you say you pray, but you don't wait for the answer from the Lord. My friends, do you want an answer? If so, then believe and spend some time on your knees waiting before God for His reply.

THE CHURCH'S HANDS can also be bound by neglect in reading God's Word. I've found out that many people don't know the Bible at all. Sometimes they are taught, but they're taught incorrectly. I asked someone one time, "Is there a book of Daniel?"

"Yes," he said.

I asked, "Is there a book of Peter?" "Yes."

"Is there a book of Ezekiel?"

"Yes."

"Is there a book of Hezekiah?"

"Yes."

Of course there is no such book. So you see, people don't even know the names of the books of the Bible. They are not reading God's Word.

We are Bible believers and Bible preachers in China. We are nothing special, but we love the Word of God, and we want to present the Word of God to the people. In China we preach chapter by chapter, verse by verse. That's my one difficulty when I come to America-I cannot do that. I cannot finish my

will carefully register the moments you sermon in America. Americans would not stand it if I finished a whole chapter. I come to the fifth verse and some people are getting impatient already, beginning to look at their watches. If I come to the sixth or seventh verse, they're going to put their watches to their ears to see if their timepieces are still working. So I cannot finish my sermon. But in China we preach verse by verse and chapter by chapter, simply explaining the Word of God to the people.

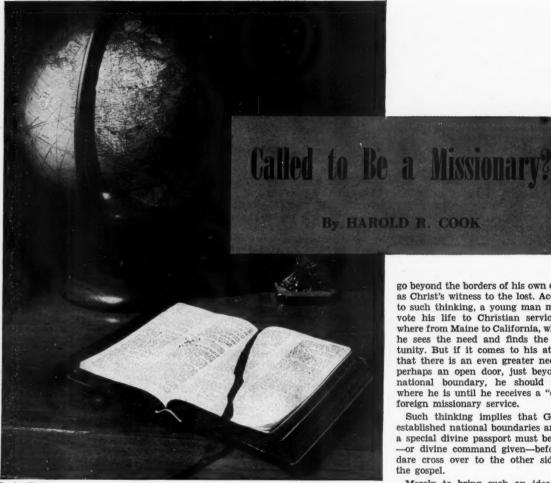
Not long ago, we were holding meetings in China and the people did not bring their Bibles. We said that if they did not have them, they would not know what we were talking about, because we preached nothing new, but the old-time gospel from the old-time Book-the Word of God. When we asked for a show of hands, there was only one Bible there, and it was in the pulpit. But before the end of the campaign, when we asked again, there were a hundred new Bibles lifted up. The demand for them was so great the Bible society sold out its stock.

Oh, do we love the Word of God? Do we? Do we spend time with the Word of God? No wonder we have become so careless, so powerless, so weak and helpless in the midst of the great tragedy in the world today! Millions of people are in darkness. It is our duty to help them, but we are standing aside, wringing our hands. We ourselves are helpless. Why? Because of our neglect of the Word of God, our hands are bound.

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Although the city of Canton, China, has its share of modern conveniences, fresh drinking water is scarce. Women and children at this public well are obtaining a supply. Acme photos.





What is the missionary call? A helpful answer from Scripture and experience

HEN someone asks about the missionary call; he usually means, "How can I tell whether the Lord wants me on the foreign mission field?" Scriptural and philosophic definitions may interest him somewhat. but it is the answer to this question that he really wants. Unless we can make him see just how our generalizations apply to his particular case, he will turn away in disappointment, wondering, perhaps, if we really know the answer, or if it is possible to be sure of the Lord's will in such matters.

Perhaps his wondering is justified. I have heard and read explanations of the missionary call which impressed me as being largely rationalizations. seemed to be attempts to provide a doctrinal basis for a course of action already taken, the real explanation of which was but vaguely understood. Sometimes an individual with a fixed idea of what a missionary call should be will try to view his own actions in the past as a fulfillment of such a call. Thus many explanations leave the inquirer still unsatisfied.

What, then, is the missionary call? "A need, a consciousness of that need, and an ability to fill the need," is perhaps as good a definition as can be put into so few words. Yet such a definition might imply that human need alone is the call, leaving out the all-important relation of the Lord Himself to the messenger He sends. Nor does it help determine which of many needs should have the prior claim. Even if it is said, "Go where the need is greatest," how shall we measure need?

The treatment which follows is a sincere attempt to present this matter objectively. It aims to keep in view the authority and teachings of the Scriptures, while acknowledging the validity and value of experience.

Some Common Errors

Before enlarging on what constitutes a true missionary call, perhaps we should consider some of the erroneous views which are still widely held today.

First is the idea that a special divine call is necessary for anyone who would go beyond the borders of his own country as Christ's witness to the lost. According to such thinking, a young man may devote his life to Christian service anywhere from Maine to California, wherever he sees the need and finds the opportunity. But if it comes to his attention that there is an even greater need, and perhaps an open door, just beyond the national boundary, he should remain where he is until he receives a "call" to foreign missionary service.

Such thinking implies that God has established national boundaries and that a special divine passport must be issued or divine command given-before one dare cross over to the other side with the gospel.

Merely to bring such an idea under scrutiny is to refute it. Certainly no basis can be found in the Scriptures to support it. There the field is presented as the whole world.

Philip preached the gospel in Samaria, and the refugees from Jerusalem planted the church in Gentile Antioch, with no thought of a special call to those regions. They were refugees from the first wave of persecution, and wherever they went they spoke of the Saviour. The idea of a special divine call to minister beyond the borders of Judea and Galilee does not seem to have entered their heads. They were witnesses to everyone every-

Barnabas, for example, had already had some prominence in the work in Jerusalem before the church there sent him to Antioch. Once there he saw that another man could be used too, and so he sought the help of Saul whom he had known in Jerusalem.

Probably both Barnabas and Saul waited on the Lord before agreeing to go to Antioch, yet the Scriptures plainly state that in both instances the initiative came from other men. The Jerusalem church "sent" Barnabas, and Barnabas "brought" Saul. Not a word, not even a hint, is given that any special divine call, any unusual spiritual experience, was needed to overcome their reluctance to leave their own land as ministers of

Christ. True, Barnabas was a native of cyprus and Paul of Cilicia, but Antioch was still a foreign field to them both.

The "Macedonian Call"

In all the New Testament there is only one instance when crossing a national or geographic boundary seemed to necessitate a special call. While Paul and his companions attempted to cross some frontiers without a call and were hindered, they did cross many others without hindrance, and Paul wrote openly of his purpose to go on to Rome and even to Spain. On the second missionary journey, when they reached Troy, however, they were given a remarkable revelation of God's desire that they should go on over into Europe.

This unusual experience, generally known as the "Macedonian call," is commonly held to be the typical missionary call. This is the second of the false ideas which hinder our proper understanding of how God leads into missionary service. The Macedonian vision was positively not the missionary call, nor was it even a typical call of any sort. It was an unusual experience, and all the more striking because it was so unusual. Perhaps it had to be striking to accomplish its purpose at that time and in the hearts of those men.

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Paul was already a missionary; he had been a missionary for some years. Actually this was an incident which occurred in the midst of the second of his great missionary tours. He was already in a foreign land when the vision came, and it came not to call him and his companions to missionary service, but to call them to extend their operations beyond Asia Minor to Europe.

Even some otherwise careful missionary writers and speakers have overlooked these facts and have tried to show the application of the "Macedonia call" to the situations young Christians face as they consider foreign missionary service. Many are encouraged to look for some such experience in their own lives before applying for missionary service, and when the experience does not come, they become confused and uncertain.

True, it is not unreasonable to suppose that even today, God may make use of some unusual means to call men to a special task. Yet just as this case was the exception rather than the rule in apostolic times, so are such experiences in our own times.

A third misunderstanding is the notion that the missionary call necessarily is associated with some definite field. Some young people become greatly perturbed because, while they are sure that the Lord wants them to go forth as foreign missionaries, they do not know to what field they should go. Here again the common idea is inconsistent with scriptural examples.

When Barnabas and Saul started out on their first missionary journey together, they knew the work they were to do, for the Spirit has said to the church, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." But it is questionable whether they knew in advance where they were to go.

Cyprus was nearby, it was unevangelized, and it was Barnabas' native land, so it was natural that they should go there first. From western Cyprus, the next logical step was the mainland of Asia Minor. Here the evangelization continued until they reached the border of Cilicia, Paul's own province, where he had probably worked before going to Antioch. Afterward they retraced their steps, establishing the work they had begun. Perhaps the trip was planned ahead, but various details, such as the departure of Mark, seem to show otherwise.

In any event, Paul certainly did not know in advance the itinerary of his second journey. He started out to revisit the churches previously established, but before long he was trying other doors. Finding some of them temporarily closed, he pushed on in the only forward direction that was open, until he reached Troy. The Macedonian vision was definite enough as a call to a specific place, but Macedonia was only a steppingstone, for without any additional vision Paul moved



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on west and south into Greece until he came to the city of Corinth.

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On the return from Corinth, Paul visited the province of Asia, where the Lord had forbidden him to preach earlier in this same tour. He spent only a brief time in Ephesus, but later he returned for a much more extended ministry.

No vision or special revelation appears to have directed Paul to go to Rome. In writing to the brethren before he went, he said (Rom. 15:23) that he had desired for many years to go there, and that since his apostolic ministry had now been completed where he was, he would soon be ready to visit Rome on his way to Spain.

As we review the career of the great missionary to the Gentiles, we read that only twice after his conversion did he enjoy a special revelation to direct his advance movements. Once the Lord told him to leave Jerusalem—but not where to go—since his ministry was to be to the Gentiles (Acts 22:17-21). The other

occasion was the time of the Macedonian vision, already mentioned. Here only the important initial step was revealed. In fact, he had only two alternatives—either to go on across to Europe or to go back along the road he had come. It was not a question of choice of field, but a question of advance or consolidation, and the Lord directed advance.

Thus we see that: (1) a special divine call is not necessary to witness for Christ beyond the national border; (2) the striking vision which Paul received at Troas, the so-called "Macedonian call", was not his missionary call, nor is it typical of such a call; and (3) the call to missionary service is not necessarily associated with a definite field at home or abroad.

This does not mean that we can rule out the idea of a missionary call. No one should go to any mission field without a sense of call if he expects to enjoy God's blessing on his ministry. But to wait or look for an experience which at best is quite unusual is to open the way for disappointment and frustration.

There are two aspects of the missionary call, one general and one particular and the first is fundamental to the second.

The General Missionary Call

The general missionary call is synonymous with the Great Commission. It is expressed in various ways: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations"; "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel"; "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you"; "Ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost parts of the earth"; but the message is the same. It is the call of Christ to those who follow Him to go out and witness for Him everywhere. It includes all of His disciples; not one is omitted. The Christian who fails to bear witness to his Saviour is disobedient to this call, which is meant for him.

This call is general because it includes all Christians as prospective missionaries, and all unbelievers as the missionary field. It is not a question of home missions or foreign missions, of city missions or frontier missions. This is a call to be Christ's ambassadors to lost sinners without regard to where they may be found.

There is no use trying to talk about a special call to the foreign mission field until you have heard and understood this general missionary call. It has been well said that a trip across the ocean does not make a missionary; neither does staying at home keep a man from being a missionary.

Just as the general call to salvation is enough when the sinner hears it and realizes that it is meant for him, so the general call to witness for Christ is enough when the believer hears it and realizes that it is addressed to him. But to make it effectual, he too must say, "Here am I, Lord, send me!" When God calls, and man responds, then the divine call is complete.

Actually, it is not essential to have any other call than this general call. Christ's missionaries are those who have a deep and compelling sense of their obligation

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Faith That Cannot Save

Exposition of James, Part V

By G. COLEMAN LUCK

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HE LAST half of James 2 should be examined with extreme care, since it is this section that has caused some people to feel that James contradicts the apostle Paul. In this connection let us heed the admonition: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). Of one thing we can be sure-the Holy Spirit, the real author of the epistles by both Paul and James, does not contradict Himself, So any interpretation which would seem to make Him do so indicates a failure to "rightly divide" the Scriptures.

A thoughtful consideration of these verses will immediately reveal that they do not repudiate salvation by faith in Christ. Indeed they exalt true faith. There is a so-called faith that is really not faith at all, just as there is a gospel

which is not *the* gospel (Gal. 1:6, 7). This spurious faith which is really not *faith* at all we may indeed call a "faith that cannot save." This is what James rejects.

James 2:14-26 gives a careful description of this "faith that cannot save." We are told that it is dead faith, that it is without works, that it is mere intellectual assent to the truth (vv. 14-20).

To be more specific, James says that it is all profession: "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (vv. 14-16).

Verse 14 should be noted particularly.

The emphasis is on the word say. What doth it profit if a man say he hath faith, and have not works? It is true that, as far as service for God goes, a man's limbs may be paralyzed without his tongue being affected. James pictures a man who boasts and brags about the faith he possesses, yet when his life is examined, it is clearly seen that there is not one indication that he is truly a child of God. He has no "works." This demonstrates very plainly that his "faith" (if you want to call it that) is just a matter of words and nothing more. If a man has real faith in God—in Christ—it is bound to make a difference in his life.

This is not to say that unless a man is absolutely perfect he is not saved. Not at all. None of us is absolutely perfect; we are not talking about sinless perfection. But it is to say that if a person takes Jesus Christ as Saviour in sincerity -if the risen Christ comes to dwell in the heart-there is of necessity a change in the life. If a man makes a profession of faith but his life remains absolutely unchanged, we can well ask with James, "Can that faith save him?" (as the R.V. correctly renders the last part of v. 14). Of course real faith can save him. But "can that faith save him?"—that is, can he be saved by faith that is all profession, a matter of mere words and nothing more?

To illustrate, James again uses a vivid experience. He speaks of an affluent person commiserating with a poverty-stricken brother or sister who actually lacks the essentials of life. The fact that this prosperous one expresses a desire to see the other clothed and fed, but does not give any material aid though well able to do so, shows that his concern is not real, but merely a matter of hypocritical words. As the old saying goes, "Actions speak louder than words."

This dead faith of which James speaks, this faith that cannot save, not only is all profession and no possession, but is lifeless. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (v. 17). Real faith is a living, vital thing. It is the soul reaching out and taking hold of the promises of God.

But this false faith of which James speaks is like a corpse. A corpse looks like a man and yet it is only a lump of clay, because it lacks the one vital essential—life. So this faith which is all profession may look to the careless observer like the real thing; however, it is not real, but lifeless—dead—"being alone"

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Moody at the Fair

By D. W. CRAM

Part VI: The Tents

NE DAY in June students at Moody
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"T've been down there at that tent," he began. "It almost scares me. It's a wonderful place. It's just like speaking to all out-of-doors."

"What tent does he mean?" I asked myself. "Tent? Tent? Big tent? What tent is it?"

Mr. Moody went on, "I want every one of you to go down there and help me, even though there won't be a seat for you in the place. You'll have to stand up during the service."

"What kind of a meeting can this be, where there are no seats?" I wondered.

Mr. Moody had been so taken up with his new plans he had forgotten to tell us what they were.

Finally he explained. Forepaugh's circus had come to town. Mr. Moody had interviewed the manager and had rented the huge circus tent for Sunday morning services. The tent would be used during the afternoon and evening for the regular circus performances.

Mr. Moody closed his address on the Institute platform with a word of warning. He said that when we were at the circus tent we were going to see a lot of the circus people in the audience, and he asked that we treat these people with respect. "Remember," he said, "they are souls for whom Christ died."

I think that last statement made a great impression upon all of us, for I never heard of any student speaking disparagingly of the circus or of anyone who worked there.

My own reaction to Mr. Moody's announcement was like that of many of the students I talked with after the meeting. I had been taught in my younger days that a circus was manned entirely by godless people. For us to go down there to sing the gospel seemed little short of sacrilege. However, Mr. Moody had made such a strong plea for all of us to go, we never for a moment thought of disappointing him. Then, too, there were compensations. We would get to see the animals.

For some of us, attendance at the meetings meant getting substitutes where we were teaching forenoon Sunday school classes. For others, it meant being excused from church choirs. But as far as I know, the student body complied with Mr. Moody's request that we all attend.

A Circus Setting

THE "BIG TOP" was pitched down on the lake front not far from the

Loop. It seemed to cover acres of ground.

There were seats for 10,000 people. The arena—the space where the acting was done—provided standing room for 10,000 more, making it possible to accommodate some 20,000 persons.

Of course the management of the circus had to rearrange things for such a service. Ropes and trapezes had to be drawn up out of the way. All of the clown furniture and the small platforms the elephants used to stand on, and everything like that, had to be put out of sight. This was all done by the management.

Even though he had agreed to the plan, the manager of the circus was doubtful as to whether Mr. Moody's meetings would amount to anything. However, he consented to do Mr. Moody's advertising along with his own. This included posters as well as newspaper advertising.

Imagine our surprise when we saw a poster on the garbage box at the corner of Institute Place and Wells Street which read:

"Ha! Ha! Ha!
Three BIG SHOWS
MOODY IN THE MORNING
FOREPAUGH IN THE AFTERNOON
AND EVENING!"

That poster was on every garbage box in the city of Chicago, and Chicago had a population of almost two million people. Of course everyone who went to empty garbage saw the signs. Thousands of others passing up and down the streets also saw them. It was really a most effective way of advertising.

The morning of the first service Mr. Moody was on hand bright and early to see that preparations were complete. Everyone else seemed skeptical about circus tent meetings. One of the circus employees was joking him about bringing a church service into a circus tent. "Do you think you're going to have 3,000 people down here?" he asked.

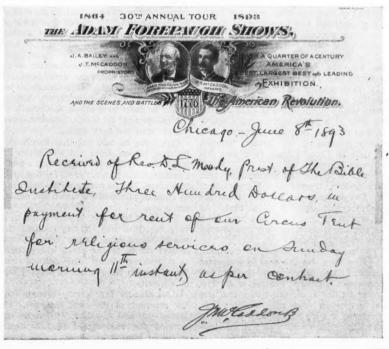
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Doubtless this circus man was amazed,
as were many of us, when the people did
come in throngs, not only once but on
two successive Sundays to hear the gospel
story.

A Memorable Sunday

That first Sunday morning was a memorable time at Forepaugh's. For once the crowds passed by the ticket wagon. It was closed. There was no admission charge.

The tent was opened early. Circus employees stood around wide-eyed and wondering as whole families came with their





Whole families came with their children and wandered around the menagerie, then went into the meeting. Acme photo.

children and wandered around the menagerie, then went into the meeting. In fact, the only entrance to the big tent was through the menagerie.

It was as Mr. Moody had said—there were no seats for us. Even the members of the Moody Quartet had to stand with the rest of us while they were not singing. A platform had been erected which was large enough for Mr. Moody, Dr. Towner and Mrs. Pearson. Dr. Towner led the music, and of course Mrs. Pearson was the special soloist. We had neither organ nor hymnbooks.

In that mighty assembly, before the meeting opened, there was the sound of many voices rising above the crowd, like the hum of a giant beehive on a warm summer's day. But the moment Mr. Moody announced the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," a hush came over the entire audience.

Both the Towner and Stebbins choruses were present, singing as one great choir. Dr. Towner gave us the key from his pitchpipe and signaled us to begin. As the strains of that old hymn rose from the vast congregation, a holy awe seemed to pervade the place.

The song service lasted for an hour. The first song was followed by a quartet number. Then there were one or two more songs, and Mrs. Pearson sang "The Eye of Faith." It seemed to me that she was in perfect voice that morning. Mr. Moody, as was his custom with that song, asked the congregation to join in singing the chorus.

In addition, our combined choruses sang a number of selections. Familiar hymns were chosen, and under Dr. Towner's leadership the music rolled up to the top of the tent and could be heard all through the circus area.

Mr. Moody's text was, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." He traced the story of Zacchaeus as a lost man, chief among the publicans, and he was rich. I was standing less than ten feet away from Mr. Moody, looking up into his face as he talked, and drinking in every word. I wish I could give the whole sermon as he gave it to that vast audience, but it would be folly to attempt it. Certain of the points that he made, however, have stayed with me ever since.

One thing he said was that Zacchaeus' curiosity about Jesus got the better of him. "He sought to see Jesus who he was." Zacchaeus was handicapped. He was little in stature. But he overcame his handicap by running ahead of the crowd and climbing a tree.

The next point Mr. Moody made in a very beautiful way, basing it upon the words, "Jesus came to the place." "Jesus always comes to the place where there is a seeking sinner," he pointed out, "even though that sinner is seeking out of curjosity."

Dramatically Mr. Moody brought out the meaning of the next sentence, "He looked up, and saw him." Then he reminded the vast crowd of how Jesus spoke to him: "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house."

One of Mr. Moody's favorite expressions in his sermons was, "Zacchaeus made haste and came down." And right here, Mr. Moody said, "Somewhere between the limb of that tree and the ground, Zacchaeus was converted. Conversion can be just that quick."

"There are two reasons why I know Zacchaeus was converted," he went on to say. "First, he received Jesus with joy. When the joy of the Lord gets in a man's heart, it's a sign he has the right thing. Secondly, Zacchaeus made restitution. "The half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."

I shall never forget the picture that Mr. Moody drew of the scene in Zacchaeus' home the next day. He said he could imagine servants running here and there with bags of money, paying back 400 per cent to the people from whom Zacchaeus had wrongly taken money. You could just see those servants running everywhere. Then he closed his sermon with the thought, "This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham."

"This Child is Lost"

In that mighty throng it was absolutely impossible to hold an altar service. It wasn't even practical to have people give any expression, because there would be no way of getting them out of that great jam down to the platform.

Mr. Moody was urging the lost to make a decision in their hearts right there, like Zacchaeus did, when an attendant stepped up to the platform with a little child in his arms. We saw Mr. Moody take the child and turn to the audience. "This child is lost," he announced. By this time we could hear the child's crying in spite of his efforts to choke back the sobs.

Mr. Moody called, "Is the father of this child in the audience?" Then I heard him speak to the boy.

"Never mind, son," he comforted. "We'll find your father. Don't be afraid."

We waited anxiously, peering into the crowd to see if someone would come forward to claim the boy. It was a tense moment.

Still holding the lad in his great left arm, Mr. Moody again spoke to the congregation, "I couldn't have a better illustration of my text than this child right now. He is lost. He is looking for his father."

Just then a man came pushing through the crowd. I saw him make his way toward Mr. Moody. Anxiety was written in every line of his face. Mr. Moody was still looking over the crowd, and the child saw his father first. He literally jumped out of Mr. Moody's arms into the arms of his father.

Suddenly the tension was over. Mr. Moody stooped down to say a few words to the grateful father. Then he addressed the audience once more. "Did you see that?" he asked. "The moment that boy saw his father he jumped into his father's arms. O sinner, today jump, jump, jump

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A Box for Su Ling

By Theresa Worman

An appealing missionary story for your summer Christmas program

par Mordell turned his eyes away from the bundle of rags close to the old building. He should have known better. After all, this was Shanghai.

"I won't look," he said to himself, "for if the bundle moves, I'm a goner." Pat was supposed to be a tough Marine, but he had a soft heart when it came to boys and girls. Many times he had seen bundles of rags just like that one, and always inside each bundle was a half-starved Chinese boy or girl.

Pat could never pass them by. He would carry them to Miss Fraser at the Christian orphanage; and each time Miss Fraser would say, "No more, Pat. Please don't bring us another child. There just isn't rice enough for one more mouth." And Pat would say, "O. K. This will be the last."

Today Pat tried hard to look straight ahead, but he couldn't. And just as he looked out of the corner of his eye, a little face peered out of the rags. It was a girl. Maybe she was six; maybe she was nine years old. One couldn't begin to guess the ages of these half-starved children.

When old Chang, the gatekeeper, saw Pat he held up both hands and said, "No more. No more room. Miss Fraser says not to let you in again."

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"But, Chang," said Pat, "Christmas is coming and this little girl has never even heard about it. Tell Miss Fraser that Pat Mordell is here and see what she says."

It is surprising what food and love can do for a little starved child. If Pat had come back to the orphanage in six months, he could never have picked her out of the group of shiny-eyed girls on the playground. When she had been there only a few months, she accepted the Lord Jesus as her very own Saviour, and when the Lord Jesus came to make His home in her heart, a light shone on her face that nothing could erase. The teachers and some of the children said, "Su Ling has the Jesus shine on her face." And it was so.

For two years Su Ling lived in the orphanage—two wonderful, happy years. For two Christmases the kind people of China and from over the sea supplied her with many things dear to a little girl's heart. Now the third Christmas was near. Miss Soong, one of the Chinese teachers, had said that Christmas was a time for giving gifts because God had given His best gift, His own Son, the Lord Jesus, on that first Christmas Day long ago.

Su Ling had thought about Christmas presents before the American traveler came to talk to them, but it was he who showed her how to get her gifts. Su Ling listened to every word. She heard how, in answer to prayer, money had been given to him for this trip; how he had lost his suitcases and trunks when a Chinese junk had sunk in the Yangtze River, but God in answer to prayer had supplied him with everything he needed and even with some extra things.

"God is your Father. If you want anything, just ask Him, believing He can do it, and He will." That's what the American traveler said, and Su Ling believed him.

"God can do anything, can't He, Miss Soong?" Su Ling asked one day as they worked together sewing clothes for the younger children.

"Indeed He can," said Miss Soong in a very positive tone.

"Could He do something for a girl like me, if I wasn't selfish and wanted the something for others?" asked Su Ling. "I'm sure He could," said Miss Soong,

as her fingers fairly flew.

"I've asked Him for some presents for Christmas," said Su Ling.

"Have you," said Miss Soong. "I'm sure you'll get something nice."

"I've asked Him for 288 presents," continued Su Ling.

"What?" Miss Soong almost dropped

the shirt she was stitching. "Two hundred and eighty-eight presents? What would you do with them? That's kind of selfish, isn't it?"

"Oh, but I told you, they're not for me. You see the first Christmas I was here I got all the rice I wanted and some sweets and a rag doll. And last Christmas I got a new dress, some candy and a nice book. I don't want to be getting and getting and never giving. The man from America got lots of things just by asking God, so I decided that this Christmas I'm going to ask God to give me 288 presents for all the children in the orphanage and for the teachers and for old Chang."

"Oh, Su Ling, that's asking God for a lot," said Miss Soong.

"But God can do it, can't He?" insisted Su Ling.

"Yes, but—but—" Miss Soong didn't know what to say. She'd have to talk to Miss Fraser.

Su Ling was in the sewing room the next day when Miss Fraser came in and sat down beside her.

"Su Ling, Miss Soong was telling me—" But she got no further, for Su Ling looked up with dancing eyes. "Isn't it wonderful, Miss Fraser, that God can give me presents for the children? He owns everything in the world, and the American said, 'Whatsoever ye ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive.'"

Seeing Su Ling's simple faith, Miss Fraser didn't say what she had come to

THE MISSIONARIES prayed much about Su Ling that Christmas. Some prayed, "O God, don't let her be too disappointed if the gifts do not come." One prayed, "O God, we know that Thou hast promised to supply our need, and we believe that Thou canst give these extra things to Su Ling, but we do not know how. Work it out, O God, for we are baffled. There is nothing we can do."

The faith of the missionaries got weaker and weaker as Christmas drew near. But not Su Ling's faith. The closer Christmas came, the more certain she was that God was going to answer her prayer. What was 288 presents to One who owned billions of stars and the sun and the moon and the mountains? Su Ling sang and laughed and was as happy as a lark.

But it was a sad group of missionaries and helpers who took their places among the children the day of the Christmas

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Editor's Note: The above abridged story is presented at this time for possible use in connection with summer Christmas programs—programs at which Christmas gifts are gathered for early mailing to missionaries and children in missionary institutions. The full text of "A Box for Su Ling" appears along with eight other original stories for children in Aunt Theresa Worman's new book, The Littlest Christmas Tree, soon to be available for 50 cents from Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Ill. Before planning summer Christmas programs, churches should contact their mission boards or missionaries to make sure what types of gifts are needed and can be received without excessive duty.

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This department is intended for news in concise reports of evangelistic and Bible conference work in general. We do not invite statements eulogizing the leaders or participants nor can we promise to print them.

Reports should be definite. Include the name of church and pastor or sponsoring organization as well as city, state, and dates of the meeting.

THE annual conference of the Evangelical Alliance Mission, formerly the Scandinavian Alliance Mission, convened in Racine, Wis., May 10-15. The Calvary Memorial Church, of which M. R. Siemens is pastor, entertained the 300 registered delegates and visitors, of whom 47 were missionaries from various parts of the world and 90 were missionary candidates. The spirit of prayer prevailed throughout the conference-in the business sessions as well as in the devotional and inspirational hours. God spoke to hearts through many of His choice serv-

April 24-May 8, Wes Auger held a series of meetings in Burholme Baptist Church. Philadelphia, Raymond F. Hamilton, pastor. Through the Lord's blessing upon this series, there were more than twenty who accepted Christ as their Saviour. While in Philadelphia the evangelist also ministered at the Sunday Breakfast Association. Youth for Christ rallies in Town Hall, and at Norristown, and at a ministerial meeting at Lehigh Avenue Baptist Church. Following the Philadelphia series a two night youth conference was held at the Gospel Center of Sunbury, Pa., where Robert W. Lancaster is pastor.

F. A. Wirth reports a revival meeting conducted in the Bible Church, Allegan, Mich., the latter part of April and the beginning of May. There were thirtyseven who professed conversion, and others reconsecrated their lives to Christ. Many family altars were begun. There were two outstanding conversions. One was a woman of seventy-seven and the other a man of seventy. Delegations came from neighboring towns and churches to assist in the meetings.

John J. Lanting has just returned from a Bible conference and evangelistic tour of four months, throughout the South and West. The Lord blessed in each meeting, especially in Enid, Okla., in the West Side Baptist Church, where a number of souls were saved. Large crowds gathered at the Wichita Gospel Center, Wichita, Kan., as well as Selina Bible Church, Salina, Kan.

During the month of May, John Carrara held meetings in Calvary Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., Gus Dahlberg, pastor, and at the Chandler Street Baptist Church of Jamestown, N.Y., of which E. Nelson is pastor. The meeting in Grand Rapids proved to be one of especially great blessing. The attendance was exceptional and the Lord blessed in the salvation of souls. During his stay in Grand Rapids, the evangelist addressed the weekly noonday luncheon of the Christian Business Men at the Y.M.C.A. The pastor of the Jamestown church reports that the campaign was the best they had had in many years.

Edward VanderJagt conducted meetings, Apr. 20-May 3, in the Central Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Ill., William H. Spencer, pastor. There were capacity crowds each night, with souls coming to Christ, and many consecrations. The evangelist spoke in the afternoon over the Gospel of Grace program.

On June 19 O. W. Stucky closed two weeks of meetings in the First Baptist Church, Gillette, Wyo., J. F. Smith, pastor. During this series the church also conducted its Daily Vacation Bible School. For this work, and also to assist with the music in the evening services, Elmer Strauss and Ed Thompson were engaged. The Lord graciously blessed in every phase of this intensive campaign. The enrollment in the vacation school was 106, with many of these young people coming to the evening meetings. They added much to their inspiration by song and Bible drills. Fifty-two souls were led to Christ, and others came for consecration. Many families signified that they would begin family altars in their homes. The Bible reading was enthusiastically received. A total of 5,198 chapters were reported read during these two weeks, with forty signing the Bible-reading covenant, which takes the reader through the Bible in one year. Four persons read through the New Testament during the days of the campaign.

An evangelist, described by a London newspaper as a "capital preacher and speaker," as well as tenor soloist, expects to sail for America in the near future, on a preaching tour arranged by Moody Bible Institute. Harry Davis, active in the English Christian Commando Campaigns since the war, was pastor of the Oscendon Presbyterian Church of London for seven years. In addition, he has done evangelistic work in factories and in connection with the armed forces. From 1925 to 1929 he was in America as a student and extension staff worker at the Institute:

Christians of Gary, Ind., were convinced that the three week revival campaign under the leadership of Hyman Appelman, evangelist, and Homer Britton, song director, which closed May 8, was definitely born of the Holy Spirit, to oppose the crime wave that had been sweeping the city. The women of Gary had banded together in a committee to demand police protection and law enforcement, but only after crime had reached such proportions as to produce nine murders in ten days. The opportunity to launch an intensive attack against Satan and his hosts proved a tremendous challenge to all the Christian organizations and churches of the city that had united to sponsor the cam-

paign. Meetings were held in the Memorial Auditorium, with an average attendance of 2,000. On several occasions attendance exceeded 4,000, setting a record for religious gatherings in Gary. When 4.000 children turned out for a Saturday morning children's meeting, police authorities declared that it was the largest gathering of children the city had seen for any religious event. By invitation, Mr. Appelman addressed all the superintendents of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Mills. Nearly 2,000 persons were dealt with in the inquiry rooms during the three weeks. The Carilloo Band, directed by Kenneth Resur, the campaign music chairman, the Carilloo 300 voiced choir, the Gary Salvation Army Band, and full and complete choirs from schools and cooperating churches shared in the musical program. Donald J. MacKay, pastor of the Central Baptist Church was general chairman of the campaign.

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Wes Auger: Aug. 9-21, Baptist Church, Forest Lake, Pa.

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Merle Fuller: Aug. 1-21, union tent meeting, Cuba City, Wis. Aug. 22-Sept. 11, union tent meeting, Lancaster, Wis.

Henry L. Harms: July 30-Aug. 5, Gull Lake Bible Conference, Augusta, Mich.

John J. Lanting; July 24-Aug. 7, inter-community fellowship tent meetings, Lovington, Ill.; Sept. 4-10, Berkley Community Church, Berkley, Mich.; Sept. 18-23, Ambassador Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.; Aug. 25-Oct. 5, Centerline Baptist Church, Robbinsdale, Minc.; Oct. 9-14, Zion Bible Mission, Zion, Ill.; Oct. 16-26, Robbinsdale Bible Church, Robbinsdale, Minc.; Oct. 9-14, Zion Bible Mission, Zion, Ill.; Oct. 16-26, Robbinsdale Bible Church, Robbinsdale, Minc.; Oct. 9-14, Zion Bible Church, Robbinsdale, Minc.; Oct. 9-14, Zion Bible Mission, Zion, Ill.; Oct. 16-26, Robbinsdale Bible Church, Robbinsdale, Minc.; Oct. 9-14, Zion Bible Mission, Zion, Ill.; Oct. 16-26, Robbinsdale Bible Church, Robbinsdale, Minc.; Oct. 9-14, Zion Bible Mission, Zion, Ill.; Oct. 16-26, Robbinsdale Bible Church, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

F. J. Miles: July 24-29, Morinus, Muskoka, Ont.; July 31, Central Baptist Church, Brantford, Ont.; Aug. 1-7, Central New York Bible Conference, Montrose, Pa.; Aug. 15-22, Sandy Bay Bible Conference, Montrose, Pa.; Aug. 15-22, Sandy Bay Bible Conference, Mich.; Sept. 11-17, Iron Mountain, Mich.

Ralph Morningstar: Aug. 7-16, May Lake, Muskoka, Ont.; Sept. 11-17, Iron Mountain, Mich.

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James R. Calhoun 'Aug. 21, Ganson Street Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.; Aug. 22-27, Hi Crusaders Industrial Health Camp, Joliet, Ill. Elton W. Crowell: Aug. 21-Sept. 4, Fame Evan-gelical United Brethren Church, Moweaqua, Ill.; Sept. 7-14, Bible Church, Saginaw, Mich.; Sept. 18-



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Montrose Bible Conference, Montrose, Pa.: July 2-Sept. 6.

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Camp Awana, Fredonia, Wis.: July 23-Aug. 20, Boys' Camps (ages 3-11); Aug. 6-Sept. 2, Pioneer Boys (ages 12-14); Aug. 20-Sept. 2, Crusaders (ages 14-17); Aug. 29-Sept. 5, General Conference (young men and women, 18 years and up).

Cedar Lake Bible Conference, Cedar Lake, Ind.: July 24-31, Moody Bible Institute Conference; July 31-Aug. 7-15, Christian Business Men's Committee; Aug. 14-21, Junior Boys' Camp; Aug. 21-28, Senior Boys' Camp; Aug. 21-24. Conference.

Upper Peninsula Bible Camp, Forsyth, Mich.:
July 23-29, Junior Camp (boys and girls, ages 9-12);
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22-Sept. 5, Family Vacation period.
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Blue Water Conference, Wallaceburg, Ont.: All ummer to Oct. 3. Muskoka Bible Conference, Lake Rosseau, Ont.: aly 1-Sept. 5.

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The Missionary Imperative

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Saviour's commission more urgent today than ever before. New opportunities are arising, new situations have developed, and new forces have been unleashed to encourage and challenge the entire missionary enterprise.

A new hunger is gnawing at the vitals of a needy world. The material, moral, and spiritual havoc wrought by a second world war is revolutionizing the outlook of millions. Korean churches are crowded. General Douglas MacArthur is pleading for more missionaries to Japan. On April 2 of this year he issued the following statement: "I have urgently requested the Pocket Testament League to make available to the Japanese people ten million portions of the Scriptures rather than the one million which had been in the original plan." Thrilling news of victories won in the Saviour's name keep coming in from Africa, Latin America, and elsewhere.

Far from retreating, or remaining stationary, the Church which Christ purchased with His precious blood is called upon today to advance with high courage and standards streaming.

The missionary task requires haste for another reason. New world-wide ideologies are today in active competition with the Christian message. The old enemies, materialism, secularism, agnosticism, and the natural carelessness and cultivated

callousness of the human heart are still in the field. Their efforts to thwart the progress of the gospel have been more or less disorganized. But today Communism on the one hand, and ecclesiastical totalitarianism on the other-both well organized and, to some extent at least, disciplined-openly challenge the heralds of the cross in many sectors of the world.

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It is becoming steadily clearer that Christianity and Communism are deadly enemies. They are mutually exclusive. It is becoming equally clear that Christianity and churchianity are implacable foes. The heart of man has always sought for alternatives to repentance and salvation by grace through faith. But today as never before these alternatives are offered to him in a bolder, clearer, and more enticing way.

Another contemporary situation challenges Bible-believers as never before. For years, a stream of theologically liberal missionaries has been going to the field. Their liberal thinking has been transmitted in many instances to the nationals among whom they have worked. Today on several fields national Christian churches and councils are permeated with modernism. The seed of unbelief has been effectively sown and is now bearing fruit.

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, New York, describing certain of the national churches which have lately arisen on the mission fields, writes: "The younger Christian churches have grown up largely under the tutelage of missionaries from Britain and North America. Their minds have been schooled in an interpretation of Christian faith more akin to liberalism than to orthodoxy or neo-orthodoxy."

Dr. Van Dusen is one of the world's outstanding liberals. He knows whereof he speaks. The state of affairs reflected in his words makes it imperative that truly evangelical mission boards and agencies do their utmost to counteract immediately and drastically the liberal poison dispensed on the field. The virus must not be allowed to spread.

Yes, the trumpet notes of the Great Commission are clear and insistent. Amid the raucous confusion and blatant alarms of opposing hosts, its melody continues to be beautiful and persuasive. Arise, Church of God; gird up the loins of your consecration and generosity. And remember, the Saviour who commanded is the One who will soon come to receive you unto Himself, and with you all those who through the ministry of your missionary zeal have accepted Him as Saviour and Lord.

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A Look at the Fields

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PROTESTANTS in mission areas have increased more than 200 per cent in the past twenty-three years, according to a survey made by the International Missionary Council. This survey, which is being published by the World Dominion Press under the title The World Christian Handbook, will be the first such comprehensive study of world missions to be published in more than a decade.

The survey, covering 120 countries and island groups outside the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Europe, shows that Protestant numbers jumped from 6,517,697 in 1925, to 25,341,-283 in 1948. This nearly fourfold increase occurred without a corresponding increase in the foreign missionary staff, showing clearly the results of previous plantings of the gospel and the vitality of the national churches.

Numerically, Protestants showed the outnumbering the foreign greatest gains in South Africa and India-Pakistan, where over the twenty-three-laymen and 38,285 women.

Protestants in mission areas have increased more than 200 per cent in the past twenty-three years, according to 5,467,281, and from 580,212 to 4,100,224 in the respective countries.

In South America, the largest gains were reported in Brazil, Argentina and Mexico. In these countries the increases were from 69,527 to 1,657,524 in Brazil, from 3,350 to 259,056 in Argentina, and from 31,138 to 265,148 in Mexico.

Missionary activity in the southwest Pacific islands was recorded in the Solomon Islands, where Protestants increased to 54,173 in the twenty-threeyear period; in Micronesia, where they expected 141,911; and in Indonesia, where the growth was from 300,529 to 1,737,866.

According to the report, the entire Protestant missionary staff, including both nationals and foreign workers, now numbers 192,987. Of this number 25,989 are ordained ministers, with the nationals outnumbering the foreign missionaries nearly two to one. There are also 128,713 laymen and 38,285 women.

Countries with the largest number of mission agencies and churches were South Africa, with 82 mission groups and denominations; India-Pakistan, with 101 plus 37 theological seminaries and 79 Bible schools; and China with 81 mission groups, including 50 theological seminaries and 160 Bible schools.

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The only country to show a loss in the Protestant population was Turkey, where Protestants declined from 15,283 in 1925, to 2,900 in 1948. Other countries in the Near East all showed increases, including Syria and Lebanon, where Protestants went from 3,735 in 1925, to 21,527 in 1948. During the same period, Palestine and Transjordan registered an increase from 3,136 to 16,115, Arabia from 7 to 52, Egypt from 41,006 to 163,190, and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan from 244 to 19,442.

In the Far East, Korea showed an increase from 201,063 to 743,773, Manchuria from 245 to 54,938, and China from 594,-086 to 1.404.178.

China. The occupation of Shanghai by Communist troops means more than just the occupation of China's principal port; it is the occupation also of what might be called the nerve center of Christian missions in China. At last report there was still a large number of missionaries in the city.

From the far southwestern province of Yunnan a missionary couple writes: "This spring we have seen a sight which we have not looked upon for nearly twenty years—fields of opium poppies. This stupifying drug has never lost its hold on this province. Those who have wanted it, and there were many, have procured it by hook or crook. But now they raise it right here on the plain, while any amount of it is being raised back in the hills."

The daughter-in-law and beloved biographer of J. Hudson Taylor as well as of several other missionaries of the China Inland Mission has completed her earthly ministry. Mrs. F. Howard Taylor (nee Geraldine Guinness) passed away in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, on June 6. Her husband had preceded her into glory on August 15, 1946. For several years after their retirement from the field, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor represented the China Inland Mission in widespread deputation work in North America, and friends in all parts of the country will still remember their radiant ministry. Yet even more extensive and abiding is the blessing of their literary ministry, some of the books being the product of the consecrated pen of Mrs. Taylor alone, while in several of the more important ones husband and wife collaborated. The two volumes on the life and work of Hudson Taylor have brought inspiration to a

BATHING GHAT AT BENARES, INDIA. In spite of the steady progress of Christianity in India, it cannot compare with the rapid growth in population. About five million people are added annually to this already crowded land.



multitude of missionaries on all of the world's fields, as well as to untold numbers of Christians in the homelands.

Japan. An appeal for prayer for a Protestant Christian radio network has come from missionaries in Japan. The situation is summarized as follows: "Practically every home in Japan has a radio. Many are old and receive only the best local programs. At the present time the government owns and controls the 113 radio stations and outlets. All the broadcasts are programmed and executed from one main studio here in Tokyo, with the other 112 dispatching them to the nation. A listener's fee of 35 yen each month is paid by each home having a radio set. Under this setup, no broadcasting time can be purchased for commercial or religious purposes. The thirty minutes given biweekly on Sunday morning to Protestants is mainly controlled by the Federal Council.

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"SCAP has sent a bill to the Diet recommending that more stations be authorized. Information has been secured that the Catholics are requesting permission to build an eleven-station nation-wide network as soon as the bill is passed."

It seems self-evident to most Christians that Christianity and Communism are poles apart. So it comes as a bit of a surprise to learn that a Tokyo pastor not only spoke publicly in favor of a Communist candidate at a recent election, but also announced that he was considering joining the party. As a result, the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) has prepared a statement addressed to all its members stressing that Christianity and Communism cannot be harmonized. It is in churches connected with the Kyodan, where social theories have largely taken precedence over the gospel message, that such conversions to Communism might conceivably occur. Yet it does not speak well of the doctrinal instruction or spiritual experience of the leaders of these churches that they need to be instructed that Christianity and Communism are fundamentally opposed to one another.

Near East. The Institute of Arab American Affairs says that "indications are that before the end of this year some of the Arab states will have accorded full political rights to women." Such a development in Moslem lands would be much more revolutionary than it was here in America when women were first enfranchised. The position of women in Moslem custom, if not in the Koran itself, has been decidedly subservient. Often they have been little better than slaves of the men. But today there are some leaders among the Mohammedans who claim that the Koran itself does not sanction such a state of affairs, and they advocate greater liberties for Moslem women. In Syria twelve members have introduced bills in Parliament to grant women the right to vote. In Egypt the feminist movement has influential support close to the royal family. At Beirut, Riyad as-Solh, prime minister of Lebanon, in opening the conference of the Arab Women's Federation, in March, predicted that Lebanese women will be able to participate fully in the next Without any charge, you may have a copy of "Your Gift that Lives." It tells of the work of the American Bible Society, beautifully illustrated with scenes from many lands and answers 31 questions about American Bible Society Annuity Agreements, that give you an assured income for life. Sent postage free.

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election to the Lebanese Parliament.

Chile. A recent report from Chile states that Protestant Christians in that country increased their numbers by more than 10,000 during 1948. They now number nearly 400,000, with perhaps an additional 200,000 adherents not formally connected with the churches.

Egypt. Mission work in Egypt is suffering from some new and serious restrictions. Pending for some years, the laws concerning the teaching of religion in the schools have now been put into force. Accordingly, no school may teach a pupil any religion which is not his own. Mission schools may not teach Christianity except to those pupils who are already Christian.

Ecuador. Youth for Christ rallies in three Ecuadorlan cities during July drew unusual attendances for Latin America and were very fruitful in professed conversions. At the capital, Quito, the bull ring was used to accommodate a crowd of about two thousand. At the main seaport of Guayaquil, four thousand gathered in the coliseum for a Sunday service. At Manta a crowd of fifteen hundred jammed a tent near the seashore on the first night. Five hundred and fifty inquirers were dealt with personally during the three campaigns.

French Indo-China. The transforming power of the gospel of Christ in the lives of savage tribesmen was seen in a remarkable Christmas gathering at Banmethuot, in the hill country of south central Indo-China.

"For the first time in their history, 500 Christians from eleven different tribes came together to celebrate Christmas. Jarais, Hdrungs, Bahnars came down from the north. Krung and Adhams came from eighty miles away. Mnong Rolums and Chils came from the south. From the west came the Mnong Budang and Mnong Preh. Besides all these, crowds of neighboring Radays came for Christmas. Those from long distances traveled in trucks, some came on elephant back, but most of them walked. They brought their own food, including a water buffalo, a cow, four pigs and some chickens.

"It was great to see these former tribal enemies getting together. For ages there has existed a hatred between them and they used to be engaged in inter-tribal warfare, but now they were meeting in Christian fellowship. If all who wanted to come had been there, there would have been over a thousand."

Mexico. Roman Catholic apologists have often publicized their resentment against Protestant missionaries who go to Latin America, claiming that these countries have already been Christianized and that such missionaries are only engaged in proselytism of the worst sort. If these apologists read the remarks of ex-president Romulo Gallegos, of Venezuela, on his recent visit to Mexico, they must have been greatly shocked. Aside from his political activities, Gallegos is known as one of the most outstanding writers in Spanish America. His comments as reported in the daily Excelsior were as follows:

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church in Tzintzuntzan, it was packed with the faithful. They wore on their heads crowns of real thorns that pierced flesh. They were almost naked and flogged themselves with thorny twigs, so that what clothing they wore was soaked with blood. I shall never forget that scene, so worthy of the most barbarous epoch of the Middle Ages. I asked myself, Is it possible that this can happen in the twentieth century and only a few hours' distant from the capital of the Mexican republic? This is because there is no religion in most of these Indians, only fanaticism. They have not been able to get rid of their bloody gods. With exacerbated feelings and primitive mentality they worship Christ, but only in a pagan

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North America. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America, with a membership of 102 foreign mission boards and agencies, has voted not to join the proposed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. It is the oldest of the eight co-operative bodies who were expected to form the National Council, and its refusal to join leaves the council without a department of foreign missions. In spite of the claim of the unionists that the decision takes missions "out of the main stream" of church life, the Conference believes that, instead, any decision to join the council would narrow its present broad field of service. It is certain that such a decision would have driven out of the Conference a number of mission societies who are at present co-operating, particularly those who are opposed to the theological modernism which will undoubtedly dominate the new super-organization. It is characteristic of the arrogance of modernism that they today speak of the channel into which they have diverted a part of the churches as "the main stream of church life," while those who prefer to continue the historic course of Christian doctrine are accused of moving into "marginal eddies."

Sarawak: If the governor acts favorably on the application of the Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship, it appears that this part of the island of Borneo will soon be the site of a new missionary radio transmitter. Some of the Malays of Brunei, who would be reached through this station, already have radios. A number of the other peoples in the area live in long houses and so could be reached through the installation of pedal generator communal receiving sets. The government, which already has plans for the education of the natives in the interior, may well find in this projected station a further means for accomplishing its purpose.

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XI WORD PICTURES IN PHILIPPIANS

FTER exhorting the Philippians, among whom were divisions, to work together in perfect co-operation as a team of Greek athletes would (1:27, striving together). Paul puts before them the fourfold basis of Christian unity (2:1). This basis he uses as a foundation for his appeal to them in verses 2-4.

In verse 2 he exhorts to like-mindedness, in verse 3 to lowly-mindedness, and in verse 4 to altruistic-mindedness. This is the mind of Christ (v. 5). Christ was like-minded with God the Father when He said, "Lo, I come . . . to do thy will, O God" (Heb. 10:7). He was lowlyminded, for He said, "I am meek and lowly in heart" (Matt. 11:29). He was altruistic-minded when He said, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).
"If" is &t (ei), not &av (ean); pre-

senting a fulfilled condition, not a hypothetical case as in the Authorized Version. "Any" is the indefinite pronoun "a certain one."

1. "Consolation" (παράκλησις —paraklēsis), "imploration, supplication, entreaty, exhortation, admonition, encouragement, consolation, comfort, solace." The context decides for the first six meanings. What these Philippians needed, in view of their divisions, was not consolation, but ex-hortation. The translation thus reads, "In view of the fact that there is a certain ground of appeal in Christ which exhorts"-be like-minded, lowly-minded, altruistic-minded. Christ's life should exhort them

2. "Comfort" (παραμύθιον -paramuthion), "incentive, tender persuasion, encouragement." In view of the fact that there is a certain tender persuasion that comes from divine love. The divine love produced in their hearts by the Holy Spirit impels them to be like-minded, etc.

3. "Fellowship" (κορνωνία -koinōnia). This word speaks of a common interest and activity which two persons have in a certain thing. Here it refers to the common interest and activity in the things of God, in which the believer and the Holy Spirit are joint participants. Paul appeals to the Philippians to be like-minded in view of the fact that each one has the Holy Spirit as an indweller and the sanctifier of his life, and therefore each saint, controlled by the Spirit, should live in harmony with his fellow saints.

 "Bowels and mercles" (σπλάγχνα καὶ οικτιρμοὶ splagchna kai oiktermoi), "tenderheartednesses and compassionate yearnings and actions." The word for "bowels" (σπλαγχνα) was used by the Greeks to refer to the seat of the tenderer affections. These graces, present in the lives of peace with one another, and would cause petty bickerings and divisions, such as existed among the Philippian saints, to

Thus, with the life of Christ to exhort them, with the tender persuasion of God's love to move them, with the ministry of the Spirit to aid them, and with tenderheartedness and mercy to urge them, the saints ought to be like-minded, lowly-minded, and altruistic-minded.

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explain to the people how we all received the mortal wound of sin because of our disobedience, but how through the death of Christ we may be forgiven, and the condemnation of death is "healed." And they go on to say, "We continue to bear the mark of His healing grace."

It must not be thought that these peoples are unable to express the spiritual truths of the Bible. Of course, they do use different types of expressions; but whether the native talks of "peace" as "sitting down in his heart," or of "joy" as "having a song in his body," or of "redemption" as "having his head removed" (referring to the removal of the iron collar from the slave's neck), he still can explain the story that never grows old.

In addition to the Bible, missions must provide the supplementary Christian literature which will enable people to understand the good news and make it live within their own communities. The Christian message is not a weak attack upon a limited area of life, but rather it demands all of one's allegiance and conformance, or in reality it means nothing. This means that the Christ-centered life must be lived out in business, in social relationships, in the family, in education -in every phase of existence.

Some PEOPLE have assumed that a new Christian would automatically adjust all his ways; but that is not true of Africans any more than Americans. New babes in Christ need to be nurtured and taught, for they likewise have problems peculiar to their own circumstances. For example, the proud Batutsi ruling class of Ruanda-Urundi must learn to accept the Bahutu, the great masses of the common people; and the Bahutu must learn not to despise and shun the Pygmies, who dwell in isolated communities throughout the land. It has been a great work of grace to bring the Batutsi and the Bahutu to the point where they are willing to sit in the same church with Pygmies and to take communion with them.

In addition to proclaiming the gospel, missionaries are commanded to "make disciples and teach." This includes the preparation of a well-trained native leadership. The contrast between missions which have had a balanced evangelistic and educational emphasis and those which have neglected to train native

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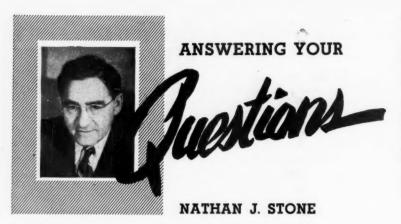
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GOD'S PROVISION OF A LAMB

I have heard it stated that Abraham's words to Isaac in Genesis 22:8 mean that "God will provide Himself as the Lamb for a burnt offering." Is there any basis for this difference from the statement we have: "God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering"?—R.J.H., Chicago

There is no basis whatever in the original for such a translation which makes God Himself to be the lamb in this verse, for a number of reasons:

 Such a statement would have no meaning for that particular occasion, especially to Isaac, as Abraham, his father, would have to reveal to him later that he was to be offered, and as he lay bound on the altar about to be slain.

2. There is nothing in the construction of the phrase in Hebrew to justify such a translation. It is contrary to the constant usage of such a construction elsewhere in many places in the Old Testament. Some examples of this are: Deuteronomy 33:21, where exactly the same form reads: "And he provided the first part for himself"; I Samuel 16:1: "For I have provided me a king among his sons," which, of course, means provided for me and certainly not, "provided myself" as a king; so also in verse 17. An altogether different construction would have been essential to justify the suggested translation.

 There is nothing whatever in the context from the beginning to the end of the chapter to suggest such a translation.

4. It is inconsistent with the character of prediction in the Old Testament, which is certainly progressive. There is no such clear and unqualified statement concerning the atonement anywhere in the Old Testament, let alone at so early a point in revelation. Even the disciples of the Lord Jesus could scarcely realize the fulfillment of such a statement in Him not only when He told them, but when it happened on Calvary; and He had to say to them: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now" (John 16:12).

The statement is a marvelous and glorious truth, but it is not found in Genesis 22:8. The motive for such a translation may be worthy, but it is not wise. It cannot serve a useful purpose to "read into" a passage of the Old Testament even the

most precious truth when it is not there. Besides, it is altogether unnecessary and may even prove harmful.

+ + + THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BAPTISM OF JOHN

What is the correct meaning of the words in Acts 19:2: "He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"—R.E.C., East Liverpool, Ohio.

The statement should be more correctly rendered: "Did you receive the Holy Ghost when, or at the time, you believed?" and not at a point subsequent to that. Such a rendering has a bearing upon the subject.

It is possible, as some think, that the apostle Paul saw or felt something to be lacking in these disciples at Ephesus, something that ought to be present in true Christians. We wonder what he would think today. Perhaps it was a lack of those spiritual gifts which were common to many in that first generation of the Christian Church, especially when first introduced in new places; or perhaps it was a lack of the joy and assurance which accompanied salvation.

Their reply also: "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost" would be better rendered, "We did not hear whether . . ." which relates it to a particular time, that is, when they first believed. This is also linked in verses 3 and 4 with the time of a baptism. The thought is that the Holy Spirit was not so much as mentioned when they were baptized. This leads to Paul's question in verse 3 as to their baptism, of what sort, to what purpose.

They no doubt knew of the person of the Holy Spirit from the Old Testament scriptures, but they didn't know Him as a living, pervading presence within. It was John's baptism they had experienced, with its doctrine of repentance, a reform of life, a preparation of heart not sufficient in itself, but looking forward to something remarkable to come. Its repentance, prayers, fastings, alms (Heb. 6:1, 2) were preparatory to Messiah and His kingdom, to bring them to a state conducive to the acceptance of the One who was to come. It was not the regenerating power and presence of the Holy Spirit, John's own words had shown his baptism to be insufficient (John 1:25-33).

These men must have known, as the

recipients of John's baptism, about the Messiahship of Jesus, but apparently, without the Spirit, had not entered into saving grace through the knowledge of His atoning death and resurrection and ascension, and the *coming* of the Holy Spirit in a new and vital relationship.

Thus they had not received the Holy Spirit, who came in those early days of the Church not only to regenerate, but also to bestow special gifts for the special witness of the early Church which it particularly needed in the days of its infancy and for those times.

No further mention is made of John the Baptist throughout the New Testament. He gives way altogether to Christ.

THE NATIONS OF ACTS 2

Are the nations mentioned in Acts 2:9-11 still in existence, and, if so, what name do they bear now and where are they located? —R.R.G., Summerville, Ga

Some of the countries mentioned in Acts 2:9-11 still exist as such. Egypt, Libya, Cyrene, the island of Crete are still located where they were in Bible times in North Africa and the Mediterranean, and all were prominent in the last war. Arabia also exists as it was, although the term Arabians may have been applied in general to other groups of the same family of peoples besides those living within the bounds of Arabia proper. This land is also prominent in the Middle East of today.

As for the other countries, Cappadocia, Pontus, Phrygia and Pamphylia are in modern Turkey. Mesopotamia is modern Iraq; and Parthia, Media and Elam are in modern Iran, formerly called Persia.

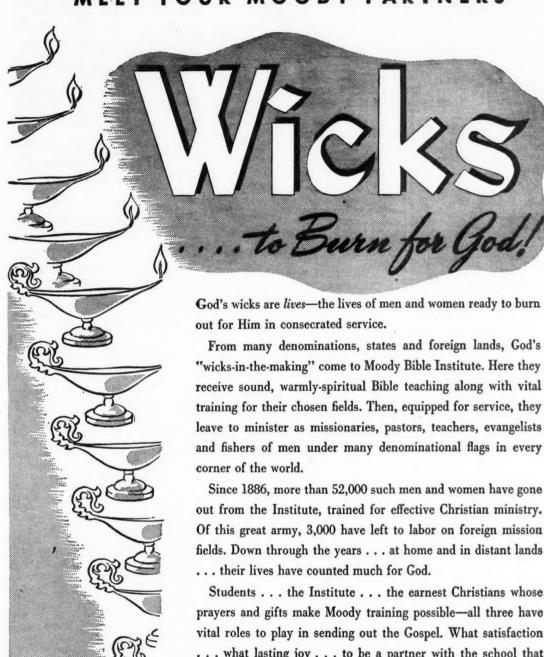
+ + + THE TWELVE TRIBES IN REVELATION 7

Why are the twelve tribes mentioned in Revelation 7 different in their enumeration from other mentionings of them? The tribes of Dan and Ephraim are omitted altogether.—H.C.M., Syracuse N.V.

The most common explanation is that it is because these two tribes are particularly mentioned in the Old Testament as idolatrous in their practice, therefore not worthy to be enumerated among those who bear faithful witness during the times of great judgment and tribulation In the words of W B Carpenter. bishop of Ripon: "Twelve is used as the number of those who in every age have been called out to witness for some truth which the world needed. Thus the twelvetribes of Israel were the appointed witnesses of a pure theology and a pure morality in the days of idolatry and license . . . the number twelve, then, stands for a world witness of divine truth" (italics ours).

Just as Dan (Judg. 18:30, 31; I Kings 12:25-30) and Ephraim (Hos. 4:17) particularly were not true to such a witness in Old Testament times (which, of course, was also true of all the tribes more or less), so they are not worthy to be included in the list of these special Israelitish witnesses of the great tribulation times. But the number twelve is main-

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witnessing stands. Levi may be included as a tribe now since its particular Levitical function of atoning sacrifice is finished. It appears to replace Dan, which even in Old Testament times had, because of its idolatry and immorality, begun to dwindle and disappear. So Ephraim "who exalted himself in Israel is lost in the greater name of Joseph" (see Hos. 13:1).

The same commentator suggests that the order also of the names considered in the light of their meaning is also significant, beginning with Judah, lionlike and strong. He is in the first place, for from him comes the Ruler, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, who wields the scepter and rules in righteousness.

The fact that Dan and Ephraim are included as having an inheritance in the millennial kingdom (Ezek. 48) is considered an example of God's grace toward them. Even though not worthy to be included as witnesses, they may share the inheritance in a restored, united Tsrael

LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS

Is there any basis for translating Psalm 8:5 as the American Revised Version translates it: "For thou hast made him [man] but little lower than God. or as another version, as "but little lacking of being God," instead of the Authorized Version, "a little lower than the angels"?—J.J.V.C., Chicago, Ill.

The word in the Hebrew is Elohim, which in the vast majority of instances, more than two thousand times, is translated God, the one Supreme Being, Creator of the universe. The change in the Revised Version and elsewhere from angel to God can be justified, however, only on the ground that the word Elohim in its broadest sense may stand for the divine idea or divine nature. (It is also translated "gods" 248 times, referring to heathen gods.) In this sense, as created in the image of God (there is perhaps a reference here to Gen. 1:26), and in a sinless state, man may be said to be godlike, especially as having dominion over all the creatures upon the earth and so representing God. Thus in contrast with these creatures, man might indeed be said to be godlike, and in Christ, redeemed from sin, we are made "partakers of the divine nature."

However, the word Elohim is also used for judges (Exod. 22:28 and elsewhere). as those who are high in rank and who, particularly as judges, represent God, 'the Judge of all the earth" (Gen. 18:25). There can be hardly any doubt that the expression "the sons of God" (the sons of the Elohim, Job 1:6; 2:1) refers to angels. The Septuagint version of the Bible (third century B.C.), as well as ancient Jewish interpreters, translates 'angels" of Psalm 8:5. The New Testament also interprets it as angels in Hebrews 2:7 which quotes Psalm 8:5, so that on the whole the term angels seems more justifiable, although the use of this verse in Hebrews is somewhat different from its use in the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament the expression "a little lower than the angels" (or a little lacking of God) refers to the degree

tained to show that God's purpose of of man's estate. In the New Testamen. in connection with Christ it is thought to refer to time, as "for a little while lower than the angels." In this connection also the term "lower than the angels" refers to His humiliation. It is not that He is a little lower than God. but, as expressing His humiliation as man. He is even a little lower than the angels; whereas in Psalm 8 man's exaltation is set forth. It is true, however, that even in Psalm 8 man is exalted in glory and honor, in his Head, the Ideal Man, the Messiah who hath visited His people (Luke 1:68).

In this aspect of man's exaltation there is probably little difference in the sense of the passage in either interpretation whether "angel" or "God."

+ + + CHRIST A NAZARITE

Did Christ take the vow of the Nazarite as set forth in the Old Testament, and abstain from the things mentioned in these vows? —V.C., Gary,

The question is no doubt prompted by the term Nazarene applied to the Lord Jesus in the New Testament (Matt. 2:23). The term Nazarene has nothing to do with the term Nazarite. The Hebrew roots are different in meaning though similar in sound.

There is no indication that the Lord Jesus was a Nazarite. The word means to set apart or consecrate. The laws governing persons who wished to take a special vow and thus be a Nazarite for the term or period of that vow are stated in Numbers 6. While no length of time is stated, it appears to be limited in its duration, and was so understood in ancient Jewish interpretation as anywhere from thirty to one hundred days. Abstinence from wine, touching a dead body, or cutting the hair were imposed.

Although the Lord Jesus could be thought of as a Nazarite in the fullest sense of separation and of being "devoted," there is no hint that He was so in the technical or limited sense of that term. The Nazarite in Old Testament times had to shave off all his hair and offer sacrifices for cleansing at the close of the period of the vow. That could hardly be true of the Lord Jesus.

The term Nazarene has a primary reference to His residence in Nazareth almost all of His life upon earth. But behind this is the connection of the Nazarene with "Branch," which is a Messianic term in the Old Testament. The "Branch" out of David's roots in Isaiah 11:1 is the word Nezer, the same word. Perhaps the town of Nazareth took its name from this word, for the trees and shrubs for which it is said to have been conspicuous.

Thus, when Matthew says of the Lord that He should be called a Nazarene according to the Old Testament, he was not merely referring to the place of His dwelling and upbringing, but he was giving Him a Messianic title, a great title which discerning Jews would understand.

Like a beautiful flower full of color but without scent, are the fine but fruitless words of him who does not act accordingly.

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into the arms of God! He's waiting for you."

Warmly he urged the people to make their decision for Christ. He pleaded with them not to let the sun go down until they had settled the sin question with

Then we closed the meeting with Mr. Moody's favorite invitation song:

"Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

Of course it was impossible to get a record of the decisions made in that meeting. We just left this up to the recording angel. We knew that he could make no mistake in the records of the Lamb's book of life.

And so ended the first great evangelistic meeting under the "big top" of Forenaugh's circus.

The next day I told some friends the story of the lost child down at the circus tent. One of them said, "Mr. Moody always has things happening like that."

It was true. When a man wholly consecrated to God gives every ounce of his mental, physical, and spiritual power to Him, then things out of the ordinary are going to take place.

Doubtless some fantastic stories have been woven around Mr. Moody-things that never happened. But this one of the lost child is true. I was there and saw it.

Still Larger Crowds

The second Sunday under the circus tent, the crowds, if anything, were larger than on the previous Sunday.

Various attempts were made to estimate the crowds at both meetings. This could not be done with any degree of accuracy. Will R. Moody, in the biography of his father, says that 18,000 were present at each meeting. But that was only a guess. There is one thing sure, the crowds for the two Sundays reached an attendance of somewhere between 32,000 and 36,000.

The manager of the circus was dumbfounded. "I don't understand it," he said. "I haven't been able to get a crowd on Sunday." He finally had to discontinue his Sunday performances.

That, of course, was before the European Sabbath struck America—a day turned over to recreation. Our parents were strict Sabbath observers. If that circus manager were here now, he'd have no trouble getting a crowd on Sunday. Times and conditions have changed.

The manager wanted Mr. Moody to arrange for an evangelist and singers to travel with the circus. He said he would pay all the expenses if Mr. Moody would supply the men. But Mr. Moody was running the World's Fair Campaign and apparently felt he could not afford to turn aside from this main responsibility.

I have already mentioned in a previous chapter the five tents that were being used during the campaign. These were

Institute tents, manned by Institute speakers and singers. They were like the one referred to in another chapter, where Ralph Atkinson and Charlie Alexander conducted services.

There were many other tents to which we were asked to send workers. Among them were some owned by the hundreds of hotels that sprang up like gourds all around the World's Fair grounds. Other hotels had parlors or recreation rooms. Scores of the owners asked for speakers and singers for gospel meetings.

Two of these hotels were built by outstanding Christian organizations. One was the Christian Endeavor Hotel; another was the Epworth. These two organizations drew most of their patronage from their constituencies—the Epworth from the Methodist denomination and the Christian Endeavor from churches affiliated with the Christian Endeavor movement.

Each of these two hotels had provided chapels seating about 200 people. Sometimes they had morning devotions. Often they called on Mr. Moody for evening speakers and singers.

I remember on Chicago Day-the day when 700,000 people went through the turnstiles of the Fair-I was asked to go with Henry Varley to one of the hotels and conduct a service. This hotel had its entrance to the fair grounds on the Midway Plaisance. Every week the hotel keeper set apart a certain day for a religious meeting.

How I did enjoy being with Henry Varley that night! Mr. Varley had been in business in England and Australia. While still active in the business world, he spent much time in evangelistic and Bible teaching work, speaking before groups both large and small at every opportunity.

That night he said to me, "I finally had to make a choice. Either I had to give up my preaching or give up my business. I couldn't carry on both."

"And so," I said, "you decided to give up your business?"

"Yes," he said, "and it has been a great

Besides the direct fruit of his own ministry, Mr. Varley was privileged to have an important share in the life-work of Mr. Moody. It was he who, after an all-night prayer meeting, remarked to Mr. Moody that "the world has yet to see what God will do with a man fully consecrated to Him."

No one can measure the far-reaching effect of that statement as Mr. Moody was led to decide "to be that man."

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leadership is appalling. Some missions with fine, devout, consecrated missionaries are fully twenty-five years behind other missions in the same area simply because they have neglected the responsibility of teaching and training.

Medical missionary work is an inevitable response of the missionary to the heart-rending pleas of sick people. Furthermore, medical work can be an important opening wedge for the preaching of the gospel. One large mission discovered that, over a period of time, a little more than 50 per cent of the people who had been led to accept Christ had first come to know about the gospel through the medical service.

Agricultural and industrial missions are also desperately needed in many areas: and where they have been conducted under consecrated leadership, they have been means of untold material and spiritual blessing. To teach men that the daily labor of our hands may be consecrated to God is to make Christ real in every part of our living.

Seemingly, Africa has suffered more than any other continent. She has been the victim of the torturous slave trade, ravaging tropical fevers, and the heedless exploitation of an expanding European economy. But she has also received the patient, selfless ministry of many of God's great missionary pioneers and those who have followed to bind up the moral ulcers of a bewildered people. Now, in the day of Africa's rising, we must bring men the Scripture, by which the Spirit of God may speak most powerfully to their hearts. We must also send out leaders who can minister in Spiritfilled humility and understanding.

There is a great day approaching in Africa; and the future of a continent will be determined by what the Christian forces of America and Europe do within the next ten years to provide the Word of God and men of God to meet the spiritual needs of an awakened Africa.

Unloose the Gospel

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HEN THERE IS another chain, which is failure to really testify for the Lord Jesus Christ. If the Church were doing her business in testifying for Him, as a Church should, then the situation would not be like it is today.

In China there are at least 250 million people who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ, I used to say that the people in America are not Christians because they don't want to become Christians. If they wanted to, they have wonderful opportunities to tune in on the radio and get gospel preaching. On every street corner almost, you can find some church. But the people of China are not Christians because they do not have the opportunity to hear the blessed news of a Saviour who loved them and who died for them to redeem them from their sins, to save them from everlasting destruction, and to give them eternal life.

At one place in central China, where we held services last October, the largest hall was packed out every night. More than a thousand persons each evening listened eagerly to the preaching of the simple gospel message. Night after night, two hundred, three hundred, sometimes five hundred indicated their desire to accept the Lord Jesus Christ, by coming to the front.

We would teach them to pray to confess their sins. Then we would pray for them and give them a copy of John's Gospel, asking them to memorize one or two verses, such as John 5:24 or John 1:12. We asked them to memorize such verses before dismissing them, so that their faith might rest on the Word of God abiding in their hearts.

In Chinese cities, everywhere we go. we see hungry hearts. In the province where these services were held, out of eighty-three counties only thirty-five have as much as a single church, with a single preacher. This is not out on the Tibetan border, not far away in the Mongolian desert, not away beyond Manchuria in the wilderness, but right there in central China, near a city with many foreign missionaries and 115 Chinese churches. Yet people-millions of people -are living in darkness.

THE CHINESE CHURCH is not a missionary church because it is not taught to be a missionary church. But we are beginning to wake up to our own responsibility. We realize a nation can never be evangelized if the nationals themselves are not interested. If China is to be evangelized, we Chinese Christians must arise and take up the cross and bear the responsibility of sending the gospel to the near and far corners of our lost nation.

One day I said this to the people in our church. I said, "We Chinese churches must begin now by sending out missionaries as the western churches have been doing-sending out missionaries, praying for them, sending their support. We Chinese are the Chinese Church; we must do the job. We cannot always depend on others, and we must do our duty. Then we'll be helping ourselves and others will be helping us, too."

I shall never forget a young woman from a heathen home who came to me afterward. She said, "I'm a young Christian, my husband is not a Christian. I am the only Christian in my home and I have children. I cannot go out myself. I cannot do much for God. I cannot give, because my husband is not a Christian. As a Christian, I must render him proper homage to let him know that we Christians are upright and honest. I want to convince him and win him to Christ. What can I do for the Lord and for our lost people?" Then with tears streaming from her eyes, she took a ring from her finger-a ring given her by her fatherand said, "I want to give this to the Lord for the saving of our own people."

Yes, I hear you people singing the beautiful song, "How long?" I want to ask the Lord, "How long?" How long must our people lie in darkness without the gospel light? How long must our people die without hearing of Him?

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It is all so fresh in my mind. Would you go all the way back to China with me? I hear on the street corners of Shanghai things you people who sing so beautifully never hear. Children on the streets are crying because they are hungry, cold, dirty. The morning paper reported 250 little ones died during the night. There are 2,500 little children in Shanghai alone begging on the streets for food.

You know, we don't receive any Christmas gifts from friends in America, probably because they are afraid that packages might get lost on account of war in China. But I said to a little one, "We must have Christmas gifts." And she answered me, "What are they?"

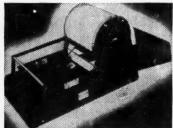
Some of your money would help out a little. Only five dollars a month—that would save a life and train a child in the way of the Lord. To know Him is life eternal. There are sixty million people in China without a home, who will walk, wander on from place to place, until they give out.

But, oh, friends, believe me, compared to the spiritual darkness this physical suffering is nothing—nothing. Are you hearing me? There are 250 million people in China who have never even heard the name of Jesus. There is an area in China as large as two of the United States of America that lies utterly in darkness without a church, without a preacher, without a gospel witness. There are 450 million dead souls in China.

Only last Sunday I got my passport. Last Tuesday I went to see the American consul. I told him I was supposed to speak in Moody Church in Chicago on Monday, January 31. He told me he was afraid we didn't have enough time. He told me to come back again on Thursday. So I was not sure whether I could come, even on Thursday. When I went back, he exempted me from the physical examination, which would have taken two days at least, and he gave me my visa. On Saturday I took a plane by way of Alaska—that's the shortest route—in order to be here.

I do sincerely believe that the reason I, a Chinese preacher, am speaking to this vast audience of happy Christians who have known the blessings of the gospel and Christianity is that God wants you to hear the cries, agonies and tears, the broken-hearted pleadings of the people of China. I am pleading with you, I am asking you, "Please come over and help us." There are dying children, dying men and women, lost souls lying in darkness, in agony tonight-450 million unsaved souls passing out into eternity. I can see their hollow eyes, I can see their skinny faces, I can see them stretching out their hands, begging you for help. May God help you to hear their cry.

Do men really believe in God? Most men say they do. And yet in a very solemn sense, most men do not. The majority of men neither believe nor disbelieve; they ignore Him.—Max I. Reich



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Praise for the Works of God

Psalms 19:1-6; 65:9-13; 104:24

Memory Selection:

O Jehovah, our Lord,

How excellent is thy name in all the earth.

Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens!

-Psalm 8:1. A.S.V.

God has spoken most clearly and fully in the Bible. The Word of God-Genesis through Revelation-is God's revelation of His person and His purpose. However, He has also spoken in nature: "The invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity" (Rom. 1:20, A.S.V.). While God's revelation in nature is not complete, in the sense that there are aspects of truth which are not there revealed, nevertheless, there are definite facts which are unfolded. The greatness of God's power and the fact of His Godhead are both clearly established in His work as the Creator

I. The Wisdom of the Creator (Ps. 104:24)

In this verse the psalmist steps back as it were to gain perspective so that he may contemplate God's work of creation. He exclaims how many and varied are the works of God. Psalm 104 speaks of the clouds, the wind, the foundations of the earth, the waters, the thunder, the springs, the mountains, the earth, the grass, the herbs, the trees, the high mountains, the moon and the sun, and especially of man (v. 23). As the psalmist looks at all of these evidences of God's mighty power, he is impressed with their multitude and with their infinite variation one from another.

Such a contemplation of the works of God leads the psalmist to acknowledge God's wisdom. Only an omniscient Creator can account for the greatness of creation. Says the psalmist: "The earth

is full of thy riches."

The word translated riches has as its first meaning creatures; in fact, this particular passage is so translated in the Septuagint Version. It is true that the word creatures may have the significance of wealth or substance (cf. ps. 105:21). Many, many are the creatures that God has made to inhabit the earth. They are His by right of creation, but as we all recognize, sin has entered, so that ere the blessed Son of God enters into that which His own hands have created, He must redeem. Calvary thus becomes the guarantee of His final and ultimate wictory at the time of His coming again.

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II. The Blessing of the Sun (Ps. 19:

Having looked generally at the creation of God in Psalm 104, we now turn to look specifically at two of God's manifested works. In this selection we consider the sun.

This beautiful psalm, which has been called a psalm of the day, opens with the definite statement that the heavens declare God's glory, they show His handiwork. Blind indeed and hard of heart is the individual who fails to see the greatness of the Creator in the things which He has made. Day follows day, and they literally bubble over with speech. To the Christian, the universe tells him of his God. He can sing with Maltbie Babcock:

"This is my Father's world. And to my listening ears, All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.

"This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas-His hand the wonders wrought."

The psalmist continues that night follows night, showing forth the knowledge of God. Yet in all this recitation of day and night there is no speech nor language, the voice is not heard (see v. 3, ASV.)

The psalmist then proceeds to describe in poetical fashion the place of the sun in his universe. He pictures as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber. He shows him to be a strong man, ready to run his course. The race involves the course from one end of the heavens to the other, and in his journey, this strong man, this ardent bridegroom, shines upon all. "Nothing is hid from the heat thereof."

It is to be understood, of course, that the psalmist is describing the sun from the viewpoint of the ordinary observer. rather than that of the scientist. Whatever we have learned about the nature of our universe, let us not allow it to rob us of the exquisite and precise truths which are involved here. While the earth revolves about the sun, it is still true that we may look upon that sun as beneficent and strong, accomplishing the blessing spoken of here.

III. The Blessing of the Rain (Ps. 65:

Another of the beneficent provisions of our great God is the rain. The picture drawn for us here is that God visits the earth to water it and enrich it. The plentifulness of God's provision is attested in that the river of God is full of water, and in that the furrows and ridges are watered abundantly. As the Lord walks in His visit (cf. vv. 9 and 11), He provides rain for the wilderness, the hills, the pastures and the valleys.

Personifying nature, the psalmist then sings of the hills girded with joy, the pastures clothed with flocks, the valleys covered with grain. How abundant is the supply of God and how wise is the Creator in all that He does!

August 28

Exalting the Word of God

Psalms 19:7-14; 119:1-8

Memory Selection: Thy word have I laid up in my heart,

That I might not sin against thee -Psalm 119:11, A.S.V.

As we saw in the lesson of last week, there is, in addition to the natural revelation of God, a supernatural revelation given to us in the Bible. How thankful we should be for this supernatural revelation, for it is in it we read of the Lord Jesus Christ and of the grace of God providing salvation for men.

I. God's Revelation—Its Names, Attributes, and Effects (Ps. 19:7-11)

Six names of God's revelation are given in these verses:

- 1. The Law. It is God's teaching; it is the direction post to indicate the right
- 2. The Testimony. It is the witness of the Lord concerning himself and us.
- 3. The Precepts. That is to say, the revelation gives directions for our earthly pilgrimage.
- 4. The Commandment. It is God's imperative, which must be obeyed.
- 5. Fear. Here that device of human speech is used in which the effect is given for the cause. That is to say, as we read the Word of God there comes into our hearts the fear of the Lord. It should be understood that this fear is not one of terror and fright, but of reverential trust. Knowing the greatness of the God whom we worship, we come before Him without flippancy, without ostentation.

6. The Ordinances. That is say, the judgments of the Lord.

Each of these six names has an attribute listed for it. The law of God is perfect, that is, flawless. The testimony of the Lord is sure, that is, reliable. The precepts of the Lord are right. The commandment of the Lord is pure. The fear of the Lord is clean. The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous.

You will notice that the first four names, along with the corresponding attributes, have appended to them four effects. The law which is perfect restores the soul, that is, refreshes the life. The testimony which is sure makes wise the simple. The precepts which are right rejoice the heart. The commandment which is pure enlightens the eyes.

How much is in these five verses! A great deal of time may profitably be spent in thinking of any one of these designations, or characteristics, or results.

II. God's Revelation—Its Supremacy (Ps. 19:10, 11)

Here two standards by which men judge are brought to our attention. First of all there is the standard of gold, which has to do with monetary considerations; in the second place, the standard of

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honey, which has to do with the measure of sweetness. Taking these two standards by which men judge things as norms, the psalmist cries out that God's Word is to be more desired than gold, even than fine gold, and that God's Word is sweeter than honey, yea, than even the droppings of the honeycomb.

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Thus does the psalmist take two of the most demanding measures which men use and shows that the Word of God is so supreme that even these norms of judgment in perfection are inadequate to describe the wealth and the sweetness of God's message. This message warns us, and if observed, will issue in great rebr.gw

III. God's Revelation-Its Conviction (Ps. 19:12-14)

We cannot expect to read the Word of God honestly and intelligently without having the Spirit of God speak of our own need. The law of God convinces of sin. "By the law is the knowledge of sin." So, in our reading of the Book of God, we shall find the Spirit of God putting His hand upon us.

In these verses the psalmist clearly recognizes his own sinfulness before God. He realizes that man, apart from the revelation of God, cannot discern his error, either as to its identity or as to its consequences. Therefore, he calls upon God to clear him of hidden faults, to keep him from presumptuous sins.

The prayer with which he concludes the psalm has been the prayer of God's people for centuries: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight. O Jehovah, my rock, and my redeemer."

IV. God's Revelation-Its Blessing (Ps. 119:1-8)

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The first section may be divided into two parts: God's blessing to those who obey His Word (vv. 1-3); and the psalmist's desire to walk so as to please God (vv. 4-8). Those who are upright in the way, those who walk in the law of the Lord, who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with a whole heart, who do no unrighteousness, who walk in His way are the ones pronounced blessed.

In view of the requirements of God and in view of the reward of the Lord, the psalmist expresses his desire to do as God has commanded in His precepts. The psalmist's heart desire is to observe God's commandments diligently.

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It is then that he recognizes his ways will be established, he will not be put to shame, he will praise God, and he will not be forsaken.

September 4 Psalms of Justice Psalms 49:1-7: 82

Memory Selection: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of thy throne: Lovingkindness and truth go before thy face.

-Psalm 89:14, A.S.V.

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It is clearly established in the Word of God that the Lord has instituted government for the purpose of seeing that equity is meted out to all. A careful consideration of Genesis 9:1-7, at which time God initiated the institution of human government, and of a passage like Romans 13:1-7, which has to do with a Christian's relationship to government, prove our opening assertion beyond the peradventure of a doubt. It is equally true that real Christianity has a definite concern for honesty, integrity, mercy and benevolence. We cannot remain disinterested when wrongs have been committed. If there is in our power authority to correct excesses and failures, we are duty bound to do so.

I. Righteousness in View of Death and Eternity (Ps. 49:1-7)

Maclaren speaks of Psalm 49 as "the high water mark of Old Testament faith in a future life." There may be some question as to whether or not the apex of the divine revelation of the Old Testament in connection with the future life is reached here, but there is no question that there is a very clear and powerful presentation of the subject.

Following the command for men to hear, there is a discussion of the ungodly rich man and death (vv. 5-12); then a discussion of the ungodly rich man and his existence after death (vv. 13-20). Such a division of the psalm is suggested by the fact that verses 12 and 20 are similar.

In the section of the psalm which forms our lesson there is, first of all, the admonition to heed the message (vv. 1-4). This message is for all the inhabitants of the world, low and high, rich and poor (vv. 1, 2). The particular people under consideration are they "that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches" (v. 6). That such an attitude is not only intolerable but irrational is proved by the fact that none of them can by any means redeem his brother (v. 7). It is proved, in the second place, by the fact that death will come though their inward thought is that they shall continue forever (vv. 9-12). Since man cannot redeem himself or another, and since death cannot be evaded, we should so live now as to meet God's requirements.

But the consideration of the subject does not stop here. There is not only death to be reckoned with, but also life after death (vv. 14, 19). The truth of this psalm has been expressed in many ways throughout the history of the Church. One emphasis, so far as Christians are concerned, is in the lines:

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II. Righteousness Commanded (Ps. 82:1-8)

There is considerable difference of opinion as to those addressed in this psalm. Gesenius suggests kings as the interpretation of the expression "gods" in verse 1. Maclaren, Rotherham and Perrowne say judges. Pember and Cheyne suggest angels.

In view of the strict monotheism of the Word of God (cf. Deut. 6:4), the use here of the word gods has another meaning than that of deity, although those addressed must have occupied prominent and exalted positions of responsibility. Among the considerations used by those who advocate the interpretation angels is the reference to Psalm 8:5 (A.S.V.) and Psalm 97:7, and their quotations in the New Testament in Hebrews 2:7 and Hebrews 1:6. The advocates of the view that men are involved in the use of this term point to such passages as Exodus 4:16; 7:1; 21:6; 22:8, 9, 28.

Unquestionably, in attempting to arrive at a conclusion, John 10:34 must be considered. Maclaren's statement here is, we believe, very much at point: "Our Lord's reference to verse 6 in John 10:34-38 is, by the present writer, accepted as authoritatively settling both the meaning and the ground of the remarkable name of 'gods' for human judges . . . his whole argument is worthless, unless the 'gods' in the psalm are men. He tells us why that august title is applied to them; namely, because to them 'the word of God came.'"

The picture of God in this psalm is that of the Judge who stands in the midst of His congregation. He judges a special group of individuals who undoubtedly have had positions involving great responsibility. His pointed question as to their unjust judgment, their respect of persons (v. 2), is another clear call to righteousness and justice. In the place of such misconduct, such malfeasance in office, these men are enjoined to judge justly, to rescue the poor and needy, to deliver such from the hand of the wicked (vv. 3, 4).

In verse 5, as Cheyne suggests, there is an aside in which the true Judge observes the true condition of these unjust judges. The psalm continues with God's pronouncement of judgment not only upon injustice, but upon the judges who pronounce the sentences which were unjust (vv. 6, 7).

It is no wonder, therefore, that the psalmist concludes this psalm with a prayer that God will arise and judge. In view of the injustices of earth, in view of the abysmal ignorance of men, the psalmist cries out for God to take a hand.

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September 11 Jesus and the Psalms

Psalm 8:2; Matthew 21:15, 16; Psalm 110:1; Matthew 22:41-45; Psalm 118:22, 23; Matthew 21:38, 39, 42; Luke 24:44

Memory Selection:

The stone which the builders rejected Is become the head of the corner.

—Psalm 118:22, A.S.V.

In the Gospel records we have more than twenty quotations which our Lord made from the Old Testament. At least seven times He went to the Psalter. In addition, there are references from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Daniel, Hosea, Zechariah and Malachi, not taking into account mention of various books and passages. Undoubtedly He quoted many other references which are not recorded.

I. Christ in the Psalter (Luke 24:44)

Our Lord's reference here probably takes into account not simply the Psalms as we know them, but that whole division of the Hebrew Old Testament of which Psalms was the first book, giving the section its name. The Law, of course, refers to the first five books of the Old Testament as we know them. Then follows twenty-one books called the Prophets, divided into two sections, the former prophets and the latter prophets. The third and final division is called the Hagiographa, consisting of twelve-books, the two books of Chronicles counting as one. Thus our Lord in Luke 24:44 refers to the entire Old Testament.

For the believing eye, Christ appears in all of the books of the Bible, but in very clear and unmistakable fashion we see Him in the Psalter. Whole psalms which refer to Him are called Messianic (see Ps. 2, 16, 22, 69, 72, etc.).

Nor should we forget the emphasis of Luke 24:44 that all things written of Him in the Law, in the Prophets and in the Psalms "must needs be fulfilled." Since the Word of God is involved here, there can be absolutely no deviation from all that is prophesied.

II. Three Quotations

1. The Psalms Fulfilled in the Praise of Children (Ps. 8:2; Matt. 21:15, 16) As an example of the fulfillment of prophetic Scriptures in the Psalms we have this illustration. The beautiful Eighth Psalm makes reference to the fact that the great God who has set His glory above the heavens has ordained that out of the mouths of children He should be praised. Is it any wonder that when the opponents of our Lord reprimanded Him because the children in the temple were saying, "Hosanna, to the son of David," our Lord should quote their very Scriptures. Incidentally, there is a very wonderful reference here to the desire of our God for the praise of children.

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The question of our Lord in Matthew 22 came at the close of a series of questions. It is impossible to read this chapter with an open mind without recognizing how adeptly He handled the situation and what wisdom He manifested.

The question our Lord propounded here was simple enough in itself: "What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he?" (v. 42). Undoubtedly the Pharisees had expected what they would have deemed a harder question. We can presume that they answered rather with a sigh of relief, "The son of David." Their answer was, of course, correct, but the Lord had a second question on the basis of their answer: "How then doth David in the Spirit call him Lord?" (v. 43, A.S.V.). To speak of the Messiah as the son of David and also as David's Lord certainly presented a problem.

We know the answer to that problem; for, though the Lord Jesus Christ is the son of David according to the flesh (see genealogical tables of Luke 3 and Matt. 1), He is also the Son of God. His introduction into the human world was not that of the ordinary man. While His birth was real, yet He came as the ever existent, eternal Son of God. Therefore, He is David's Lord as well as David's son.

The passage of Scripture which our Lord used to support His statement concerning His lordship over David is from Psalm 110, written by David (see the heading of the psalm). As a matter of fact, this psalm is quoted more frequently in the New Testament than any other passages from the Old Testament (consider Matt. 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42, 43; Acts 2:34, 35; I Cor. 15:25, 27; Heb. 1:13).

3. The Psalms Fulfilled in the Rejection and Exaltation of Christ (Ps. 118: 22, 23; Matt. 21:38, 39, 42)

Our Lord was rejected by man, but highly exalted by His heavenly Father. This quotation from Psalm 118 in Matthew 21 prophesies both facts. He is on the one hand the stone which the builders rejected, but on the other hand the stone made the head of the corner.

How sad it is that men have rejected Him and continue to do so. Oh, that men's eyes were open to behold the excellency of the Son of God, but sin so perverts human minds and hearts that they turn against the only One who can help them. The day will come, according to Philippians 2:9-11, when our blessed Lord will be highly exalted, when every knee shall bow to Him and every tongue shall confess Him as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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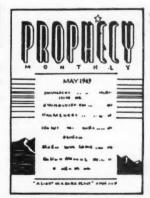
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Latin American Diary [Continued from page 837]

Huau along with Mr. Crowell and Mr. Townsend while Larry and Radio Man Don Stark fly the girls to No Me Olvides, the next stop up the river. After supper Miss Matteson, a Moody graduate who is in charge of the work here, notified us that a number of Indians were gathering in the little hut for a time of fellowship and song. Among them were several who had never heard the gospel.

It was thrilling to see how eagerly these people drank in the glorious salvation story, and then see two of them accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Thanks to the ministry of the planes and radio, Esther has not only been able to establish herself in this Indian village, but has been able to remain long enough to learn the Indian language, reduce much of it to writing, and translate portions of the Word of God. In the less than two years here she has also taught many of the Indians to read and has seen a number of them come to a saving knowledge of Christ. Even so, we were again deeply impressed by the great need for men missionaries.

Sunday, March 27-We are at No Me Olvides after a flight farther up the river with Larry and Don. Two young men who operate a trading post here gave us a

gracious welcome.

We have just listened to the evening communications broadcast from Lima and have even heard some of our mail read to us over the air. Isolated as we are, those on the other side of the Andes know all about us. I am impressed again with how important it is to have such services, especially in these extremely isolated places.

Monday, March 28 - This morning we loaded the plane with equipment for the two girls who are going to set up the new station. Don and Larry intend to return tomorrow and pick us up after leaving their passengers up the river.

After the plane left, we made a twoand-a-half-hour river trip in a dugout canoe poled by four Indians. The sun was scorching hot, and the canoe extremely unstable. Several times we wondered if we would be thrown into the muddy water, which boiled with undertows and treacherous currents. thought of many missionaries who had spent weeks in these dugout canoes battling to get to their stations and who anticipated a 50 per cent loss of their goods and equipment en route.

Tuesday, March 29-All day, Mr. Crowell and I have waited for the plane to pick us up. We can't imagine what has happened to Don and Larry. If we have to get back to civilization by the oldfashioned method, it won't be pleasant. We have already had a taste of what it would mean to spend three weeks on that treacherous river. If we had radio equipment here, we could at least try to contact them, but we don't. We begin to understand what jungle life can be like without planes and radios!

Wednesday, March 30-Larry and Don

Saturday. March 26-I am staying at arrived today, weary and worn, but with a story that made us realize again how God is watching over us. Yesterday, while the plane was tied up near the shore, a storm upstream caused the river to rise so rapidly that the plane was washed around broadside to the stream. As the mooring ropes tightened, they pulled one wing down until the bottom wing panel was completely submerged and half of the upper wing was under water. The river itself was rushing by the cabin window about six inches below the sill.

For twenty hours, until the river went down, the boys were helpless. Finally the river receded and the plane was righted. Holes were cut in the bottom of the wing to let out the water, but the wing was still full of mud and silt. Matters were made worse by the fact that in taxiing through bamboo along the shore, the propeller had blown shredded bits of wood into the carburetor airscoop to the extent that practically no power at all could be developed by the engine. Only a thoroughly trained pilot-mechanic could ever have gotten that ship into the air again. While no lives were in danger during this experience, valuable equipment was at stake, and the practical knowledge put to use in this one instance was more than worth the years spent training not only a pilot but a skilled aircraft mechanic.

Because of a late start, we got only as far as Huau this afternoon. We were again present as a group of Indians gathered about the fire by Esther Matteson's little bamboo hut, and we witnessed another Piro Indian and his wife accept Christ as their Saviour. How we thank God for the work these Moody graduates are doing.

Thursday, March 31-By 10:30 we were off for Pucallpa, completing what would ordinarily be a treacherous two-week trip in time for dinner at 12:15. Late in the day we flew forty minutes down the river to Roaboya, where the Lauriaults are working among the Shipibo Indians. These people seem to be friendly, and those who are Christians are most attractive. This work has been carried on under the South American Indian Mission for the past ten years.

Friday, April 1-Our stay in the jungle is about ended. At 9:30 we took off for the trip over the Andes to Lima. There we were met by Mrs. Townsend and driven to Chosica, a beautiful little town about

twenty-five miles away.

Saturday, April 2-Listening to a broadcast from the jungle this evening, we heard a startling report from the girls at Huau, which is three or four hundred miles back from the coast with the Andes between, Esther Matteson, whom we left two days ago, has severely scalded her foot with boiling water. It was wonderful to hear the missionary doctor in Pucallpa prescribe treatment and to know that the entire missionary family in Peru is in prayer for Esther. At the same time it is comforting to realize that if the foot does not respond to treatment by morning, Dr. Altig can reach her within a couple of hours with the plane-two hours by plane, but three weeks by canoe.

UESDAY, April 5-By noon we were ten thousand feet high in the Andes in the beautiful city of Quito, Ecuador, where we are to spend the next few days. We were warmly welcomed by the folks from station HCJB and most graciously entertained. The chief reason for our stop here, however, is to study flight operations being conducted by the Missionary Aviation Fellowship 150 miles out in the Ecuadorian jungle.

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The MAF plane not being available at the time, it was decided that we should drive to the Fellowship's jungle base at Shell Mera. About half way out to the jungle we stopped in the little city of Ambato, and heard a firsthand account of revival there from missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Until recently, evangelistic services have always been extremely discouraging. Forty or fifty people in the tent meetings has been considered a good attendance. Now, however, literally hundreds have been coming; and more than a thousand people have tried to jam themselves in to some of the services. On several occasions there was barely room for the evangelist to stand. Even more astounding is the fact that unusually large numbers have been accepting Christ in the face of much persecution. This matter presents a mighty prayer challenge for Christians everywhere.

Shell Mera is an interesting place at the edge of the Ecuadorian jungle. The British division of the Shell Oil Company has an extensive base there with an excellent air strip. Its facilities have been made available to the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, which has acquired a piece of property adjoining the base. With their Stinson Voyager, this alert group of Christian airmen has been serving seven mission stations in that section.

Excellent missionary air service in this area is made possible by the way in which the various mission societies co-operate with each other. It is a thrill to notice that even in Quito, several evangelical societies have gotten together and acquired a building where the offices of each group are located. Their testimony throughout the city is united. We are much impressed by this co-operation, which not only eliminates much unnecessary duplication and expense, but also is a strong contributing factor in the current spiritual revival.

Saturday, April 9-We were at the Quito airport by noon, ready to take off for our return to the States. Our flight was delayed, however; and at the airport we had the great joy of seeing six new missionaries arrive in Ecuador. It was a particular blessing to see Mr. and Mrs. Bob Buekema, recently graduated from Moody Bible Institute, come into this field of service. Our delay here also gave us a wonderful opportunity for consultation with James L. Truxton, president of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, from whom we gathered a great deal more valuable information about evangelizing the northern portion of South America-a task which we agreed would be virtually impossible without the use of missionary planes supported by a network of radio communications.

Sunday, April 10-We left the Panama Canal Zone at 3:00 A.M., and after a bit of sleep on the plane awoke at 6:00 A.M., to see another gorgeous sunrise over the Gulf of Mexico. An hour later, I was in the washroom shaving when Cuba slipped away beneath us. Forty minutes later we were on the ground in Miami.

As soon as customs were cleared we found a lunch counter, where we had our first drink of cool fresh milk in a month. It was wonderful

At nine o'clock we were off in a giant

Constellation, and after brief stops at Tampa and Atlanta were in Chicago and home in time for Sunday dinner-with ten thousand miles of travel behind us. and praise in our hearts to Almighty God who was our Companion all the way.

As I close this diary, I am aware that the past month has given me a new concept of what aviation and radio can and do mean to the cause of Christ on the mission field. What a wonderful privilege to see what we have seen, and now, to share in training men for the vital posts which are waiting for them around the





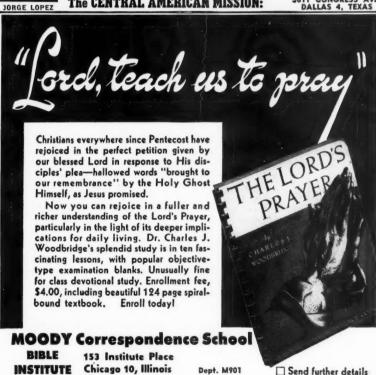
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ON GOD'S SERVICE

I said, "Let me walk in the fields"; He said, "No, walk in the town." I said, "There are no flowers there"; He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said. "But the air is thick. And fogs are veiling the sun"; He answered, "Yet souls are sick, And souls in the dark undone!"

I pleaded for time to be given. He said, "Is it hard to decide? It will not seem so hard in heaven To have followed the steps of your Guide."

Then into His hand went mine, And into my heart came He: And I walked in a light divine, The path I had feared to see!

> -George MacDonald. in The Compass

+ + + MANIFESTATIONS OF TRUE DISCIPLESHIP Matthew 5:10-16

I. Suffering in the World (vv. 10-12) Rejoice in persecution as a true disciple of Jesus Christ

II. Seasoning of the World (v. 13)

a. "Ye are the salt of the earth"

b. Salt good for nothing if it loses its I. What We are to Seek savor

III. Shining in the World (vv. 14-16)

a. "Ye are the light of the world"

b. Let your light shine as a true disciple of Jesus Christ

-Bernard E. Horn

A 4 4 HE SATISFIES

He satisfieth! Yes, He doth not mock us; The longing soul He meeteth not in vain:

The bleeding heart, the life bereft and broken,

He, He alone, can heal the inward pain. -Author Unknown

+ + + ABRAHAM AND GOD

I. Abraham believed God (Gen. 15:6a; Rom. 4:3; Gal. 3:6; James 2:23)

II. Abraham was faithful to God (Gen. 22:12: James 2:22, 23)

III. Abraham was blessed by God (Gen. 15:6b; 13:14,15; 15:18; Rom. 4:13) -Richard Bunn

The readers of this department are cordially invited to contribute from time to time original outlines for sermons, Bible readings, etc., that could find an ap-propriate and useful place in the columns.—Editors.

BIRTH FROM ABOVE

John 3:7

I. Reasonableness of the New Birth

A. Law of nature: Lower kingdom is lifted into higher kingdom by assimilation or "birth from above"

1. Mineral into vegetable (assimilation)

2. Vegetable into animal (assimilation)

3. Animal into human (assimilation)

4. Human into divine (birth from above)

II. Necessity of the New Birth

A. God is holy—cannot look on sin B. God is righteous—cannot overlook sin

C. God is just-must punish sin.

III. Accomplishment of the New Birth

A. On God's part (John 3:8; II Cor. 5:21)

B. On man's part (John 3:16; 1:12)

IV. Results of the New Birth

A. New creature (II Cor. 5:17)

B. New song (Ps. 40:3)

-Clare Ryll

SEEK ARIGHT AND RECEIVE ABUNDANTLY Matthew 6:33

A. Kingdom of God

1. A personal interest in the kingdom of God

2. The extension of the Redeemer's kingdom

3. Seek the glory of the kingdom

B. His righteousness

1. The righteousness which He requires to be wrought in us

2. The righteousness which He requires to be wrought by us

II. How We are to Seek

A. Seek

1. Carefully and diligently; make use of the means He has given us

2. With zeal and earnestness: consult and study the Word

3. With patience and perseverance; daily prayer for assistance

B. Seek first

1. Seek first daily; let waking thoughts be of God

2. Make Him the object of your supreme choice and pursuit

III. The Result of Our Seeking

A. We shall obtain that for which we seek

B. We shall obtain more than that for which we seek

-Marion E. Lillieberg

SALT AND LIGHT IN THE BELIEVER Matthew 5:13-16

I. A Seasoned Life-"Salt" (v. 13)

1. One seasoned with grace

2. One that counteracts worldly corrup-

3. One ready to help purify by godly living

II. A Shining Life—"Light" (v. 14)

1. One that shines in the darkness

2. One that reveals works of darkness

3. One that reflects the Saviour

-Beth Peterson

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GOD'S STANDARD FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING Matthew 5:48

I. Be Perfect in Love (I John 4:17a)

1. Love for the Lord (I John 4:21)

2. Love for the brethren (I John 4:21)

II. Be Perfect in Obedience (I Pet. 1:13-

15)

1. Abound in the work of the Lord (I Cor. 15:58)

2. Do "every good work" (II Cor. 9:8)

III. Be Perfect in Trust (I Sam. 12:24)

1. Trust Him for strength (II Cor. 12:9)

2. Trust Him for wisdom (James 1:5)

3. Trust Him for guidance (Ps. 32:8) -Minnie Siegert

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JOURNEYINGS

Father, we would come today From the paths that lead astray, And deceive; We who thought our way the best,

Unto Thee we come for rest, Wilt receive?

Over mountain, land and sea, Travel-stained we come to Thee; We return

From the busy marts of trade, Fortunes lost and fortunes made, These we spurn.

Peace of soul and rest of mind, These alone in Thee we find, God of love;

By Thy grace to us impart Life, of Thine own self a part, From above.

Father, take each erring child Home returning from the wild Moor and lea; To Thy bosom hold him fast, From sin's presence freed at last.

> Safe in Thee. -Ernest O. Sellers

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NEVER MADE A MISTAKE

A certain great preacher is reported to have said, "Of all the people in the world, save me from the person who has never done anything wrong, and knows it." It is to be feared that some of the Lord's dear children are of this kind. No doubt you have fallen in with them. Confessing a fault does not seem to be in their list of virtues. From June to January you never hear them say they are sorry they were so stupid, so short in temper, and so on. As for making mistakes, they never seem to have made any; and so you never find them retracing their steps. When they have to "come down," it is done softly and with due dignity, so that nobody will observe that a change is taking place; and when a confession has to be made, it turns out to be a mere explanation, showing that the failing "leaned to virtue's side." A thousand times rather give us a plain, blunt brother who, when he loses his temper, comes to you honestly and says, "I beg your pardon, I lost my temper; Satan got an advantage, and no mistake about it." How much blessing is lost through failing to confess our faults one to another; and when we neglect that how easy it is to neglect the injunction that follows, "And pray one for another" (James 5:16). Then, as to making mistakes, how refreshing it is to hear a brother admit, "I was wrong in this matter and you were right." Where there is true greatness you will always find this, and where grace reigns you will always find a readiness to confess a fault and call it by its right name, too.

—Selected

+ + + MYSELF AT CALVARY

Twas I that shed the sacred blood; I nailed Him to the tree; I crucified the Christ of God;

I joined the mockery.

Of all that shouting multitude,

I feel that I am one;

I feel that I am one;
And in that din of voices rude,
I recognize my own.

Around the cross the throng I see,
Mocking the Sufferer's groan;
Yet still my voice it seems to be
As if I mocked alone.

—Horatius Bonar, in The Church Herald

+ + + THE DIVINE CONFERENCE

Isaiah 1:18

I. Invitation and Time—"Come now"

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II. Purpose of the Conference—To
"reason together"

III. The Conferees—"us" (the Lord and ourselves)

IV. The Proposition—"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool"

V. The Mediator (I Tim. 2:5, 6a)
—Barbara Newman

BELIEVER'S ASSURANCE

John 14:3

I. Preparation for Believers
II. Possession of Believers

-Ruby Anderson

TEACHINGS OF THE KING Matthew 5:21-44

I. On Murder and Anger (vv. 21, 22)

- Mosaic law forbade murder (Exod. 20:13)
- Christ puts anger on same level as murder (v. 22)
- 3. Paul renounces anger (Eph. 4:31)

II. On Adultery (vv. 27, 28)

- Mosaic law forbade adultery (Exod. 20:14)
- 2. Christ puts lust on same level as adultery (v. 28)
- 3. God's judgment upon this sin (I Cor. 6:9)

III. On Divorce (vv. 31, 32)

- 1. Mosaic law permitted divorce (Deut. 24:1)
- Christ says only in case of fornicacation; otherwise, guilty of adultery (v. 32)
- 3. Re-emphasized by Christ (Matt. 19:9)

IV. On Making Vows (vv. 33, 34)

- Mosaic law forbade false swearing (Exod. 20:7)
- 2. Christ forbade swearing at all (v. 34)
- 3. Reason: man's incapacities (v. 36)

V. On Revenge (vv. 38, 39)

- 1. Mosaic law taught revenge (Exod. 21:24)
- 2. Christ advocated turning the other cheek (v. 39)
- 3. Reason: "Vengeance is mine"
 (Rom. 12:19)

VI. On Attitude Toward Enemies (vv. 43: 44)

- Mosaic law forbade forgiveness of enemies (Deut. 23:3-6)
- Christ said, "Love your enemies" (v. 44)
- 3. Paul's exhortation (Rom 12:20, 21)

 —John R. Wood

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GOD CALLS US STILL

What wilt Thou have of me, my Lord? I cannot speak nor sing Thy praise; I cannot preach Thy sacred Word, Nor lead my brother in Thy ways. What wilt Thou have, O sinless One, Of me, the weakest of my race? Send someone else of quicker tongue To speak to souls of sin and grace.

Thus we excuse ourselves, my friends, While God is calling us to work. We labor much for selfish ends; But when the Master calls, we shirk. We seek to gratify our lust For pomp and show, and human praise, And witlessly we build on dust While wasting priceless, fleeting days.

Across the tumult of our years God calls us yet His work to do; And hearts are yearning through their tears.

But, lo, the messengers are few! No base excuse can justify Our cool neglect to do His will, For He has promised to supply The needed grace. God calls us still!

-Oliver Everette

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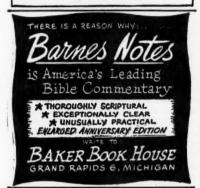
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is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."

Those who read the advertisement on which we have been commenting will recall that it asks this question: "What kind of a church do you want?" Doubtless unbelievers will have one kind of an answer; believers another. For bornagain, earnest Christians, this is a question which can never be answered once for all. Instead it must be answered again and again whenever a major decision must be made. To decide for Christ, to remain the kind of Christian, the kind of pastor or the kind of church that will be accepted by the Lord Jesus Christ, not by the world-this will cost. But it will cost far less-infinitely less-than an association with a Christ-rejecting world on the world's own terms.

Never Unemployed

As this issue goes to press, the country is beginning to note with concern a growing amount of unemployment. What this means is yet uncertain. Even though it is only a temporary condition, it will no doubt touch many Christian homes.

In our present economy where millions depend upon weekly or monthly pay checks, even a short period without work can bring heavy financial burdens. Yet in such instances, as in other trials, the person who has built his house upon the Rock can thank God that he has been prepared for whatever storms may rise. Difficult days may come, but the promises of God and the assurances of His concern and care for His people stand. Thus we can know in advance that our testimony, like David's, will one day be, "I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread."

At such times especially, however, we need the clear perspective of the man who, when asked what his business was, replied, "I am an ambassador for Christ, but I work in a filling station to pay expenses."

The Christian who keeps in mind that the first business of his life is serving his Lord may occasionally be out of work, but he will never be "unemployed." He may lose his "job," but the business of his life will go on. He may be temporarily "laid off," only to have more time to spend in waiting on God or in Christian

It is not easy to put first things first when one's means of financial support has been cut off. Yet this is the plain teaching of Christ. And those who walk by faith, making it the first business of their lives to serve their Lord, may claim the promises of God and rest upon the assurance of Jesus that our heavenly Father indeed "knoweth ye have need of all these things."

God never puts anyone in a place too small to grow.

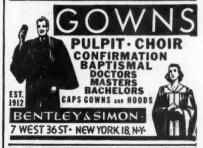
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Faith That Cannot Save

[Continued from page 848] (literally, by itself). It is like a body without a soul.

Further, we see that it is contrasted with real faith. "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works."

Observe carefully what James is not saving in this verse. He is not talking about two men one of whom has faith and no works, and the other of whom has works and no faith. A thousand times not

Both of the men referred to in this verse claim to have faith. But one cannot substantiate his claim. He says he has faith, but his life shows no evidence of any work of grace. The other man likewise claims to have faith, and to prove it he says, "Look at my life and see that a change has taken place. Look at my works-look at the things I have done since I made profession of faith in Christ: look at the life I have lived, and you can see that something real has taken place in my heart. You can't see my faiththat is inside my heart. But you can see my works, and by those works I can show you the unseen faith which motivated

O reader, can men see your faith shining out in the life that you live? If not, ask yourself seriously if you have ever had a real transaction with the Lord. if you have ever taken Jesus Christ as your own Saviour. Have you been born again?

The sham faith which James calls "dead faith" is said also to be similar to the belief of the demons. "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble" (v.

This is a continuation of the illustration referred to in the verse just preceding The man who claims to have faith but gives no evidence of it in his life apparently seeks to defend himself by saying that he does indeed have faith, that he believes in one God. Whereupon the other man says in effect: "Oh, so you believe in one God; that is very well and good. But simply to believe in the fact of the existence of God is not saving faith. Why the demons themselves believe this! They firmly believe in the existence of Almighey God. And that belief has more of an effect on them than it has on you, for they tremble or shudder when they think of it. But there is no quest on of them having saving faith. They believe in the existence of God, but at the same time hate and bitterly oppose that God.'

Knowing the facts about God as revealed in the Bible is one thing: trusting in Him and depending on His Son Jesus Christ for salvation is quite another. We need to know the facts and accept the truthfulness of these facts, but that is only preparation. This is valueless unless it is followed by true faith which claims the promises of God and demonstrates itself by a changed life.

As a final description James Indicates that this dead faith is fruitless. "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead [literally barren]?"

(v. 20). "Wilt thou know"-sad to say there are many vain, foolish people who do not want to know these facts from God's Word, indeed, will not know. They prefer to live in a fool's paradise, so to speak, and to pride themselves on their faith and religion, when they really know nothing whatever of saving faith. This kind of faith which is only an empty acknowledgment of certain facts about God is barren-produces nothing-does not result in salvation. It is not at all what the apostle Paul was speaking of when he stated that a man is justified by

To close his discussion of this faith that cannot save, James turns to two practical examples of real faith as found in the Old Testament. He brings out very clearly just how these cases differ from the dead faith of which he was just speaking.

The first of these great examples is that of Abraham. "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."

These words may seem, when considered superficially, to contradict those of the apostle Paul as found in Romans 4:1-3. But a little consideration will show that James is discussing a different side of the question. Paul shows that so far as his standing before God was concerned, Abraham was not justified (declared righteous) because of his works, for he was a sinful man as all the rest of us. But he believed God, and his faith was counted for righteousness. He stepped out in trustful dependence on the promises of God even when they seemed contrary to human possibility, and thus exercised saving faith. In this way he was justified before God.

James, on the other hand, once again speaks of works as manifesting to men the inward faith which cannot otherwise be observed. When Abraham, at the command of God, took his beloved son Isaac and prepared to offer him as a sacrifice. then all men could see by this tremendous act of works what a sublime faith in God he really had. Thus was he "justitied by works." That is, he was declared righteous before men by this act which proceeded from his inward faith. Thus "taith wrought with his works"-faith showed itself real by producing works, and we are told that his faith was made perfect by works. When a tree comes to maturity and produces fruit, then by its fruit is the tree made perfect.

So James says that the Scripture statement, made some years before the offering of Isaac, "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness," was fulfilled. As one writer points out, this statement implies, "not only that the root of the sacrifice was faith, but that the words were true in a vet higher sense and completer degree, when

that sacrifice had 'perfected' the patriarch's faith."

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Abraham is called by a beautiful title, "the friend of God" (see II Chron. 20:7; Isa. 41:8). This is the title by which the Moslems yet love to speak of him. Dr. Maclaren, in a sermon on this text, itemizes five characteristics of friendship, true both on a human level and with regard to our relationship to God.

(1) Friends trust and love one another; (2) friends have frank and familiar intercourse with one another: (3) friends delight to meet each other's wishes; (4) friends give gifts to each other; (5) friends stand up for each other.

The other example from the Old Testament is that of a woman, and what a contrast to Abraham she provides! "Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (vv. 25, 26).

Rahab (whose story is found in Josh. 2 and 6) was not a member of the chosen nation. Instead, she was a heathen woman, apparently of loose moral character formerly. But she placed her trust in Jehovah and believed that He would fulfill His promises to Israel. Therefore, when the Israelite spies came to her city of Jericho, she befriended and protected them, because she wanted to be on God's side. By these acts she showed that she did have a real living faith in Him. So she too is said by James to be "justified by works," that is, her actions showed to men that she was indeed one of God's own.

The discussion is concluded by the statement that faith (so-called) which produces no works, no outward manifestation, is like a corpse, lifeless and dead, and therefore worthless.

This word of personal application: It is well for us sometimes to examine our own experience to see if we have ever exercised real faith in Christ. Is our experience merely that we have answered "yes" to some questions asked us and joined a church? If so, let us turn now in true faith to Him who died for us, and believing on Him receive new life that will, by God's grace, produce fruit for Him.

My Missionary Challenge

[Continued from page 841]

have to get approximately \$13,000 or, again humanly speaking, they will starve. Did you ever know of a rummage sale that produced \$13,000? But never once has God failed. Whether I am at home or on some foreign field, or holding evangelistic campaigns in Great Britain or Australia, the money comes in and the allowances go out.

A lot of people have an idea that when George Mueller died, George Mueller's God died. God is not dead. Elijah's God still lives today. He can work the necessary miracle. "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" "All things are possible to him that believeth."

Every year for more than a quarter of a century now, we have held a missionary convention. It used to last for one week. Now we hold it for two weeks, including three Sundays. After giving the people a vision of missions, morning, afternoon and night, we take up a faith-promise offering. Our people indicate the amount they will contribute during the next twelve months. Does it work? Let me give you two examples.

Once when I was holding meetings in Boston, Harold Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Church, asked me to come into his office. "Dr. Smith," he said, "this church has never had a missionary convention. We understand that you hold one every year. Would you be willing to come to Park Street and hold one for us?" I asked Dr. Ockenga how much his church was at that time contributing to missions. His answer was \$3,200 a year.

Next year, with a group of missionaries, I held a convention in that church. I went back every year for six years. In 1948 the Park Street Church gave \$105,-000 to missions. Think of it! Seven years ago, \$3,200; now, \$105,000-all the result of an annual missionary convention.

The other example is my own church. I held my first convention twenty-five years ago. The offering that year was \$3,500. The offering at the 1948 convention was \$170,000. Total offerings have now run well over a million and a half dollars. That is what conventions do. That is the way the people get a vision, and when they get a vision they give.

This is not hard. Any church can do it. All you have to do is see that each one catches the vision and that everyone takes part. Years ago our contributions averaged \$5.00 each a year. But with three thousand givers, we had \$15,000 for missions. Later, they averaged \$10 each, and we had \$30,000 for the year. Then they averaged \$15. And that was only child's play. Almost any boy can earn \$15 in a year. Why, it is only a little more than \$1.00 a month. Finally, the average was \$55 each. All you have to do, you see, is to give the whole church the vision, and when each one becomes a systematic giver, the problem is solved.

How important it is-how desperately important-that we do all we can, in every way we can, now while we have the opportunity. Some day millions upon millions from heathenism will march by the throne, and pointing a finger of scorn at us, they will cry, "No man cared for my soul." Then you and I will try to justify ourselves by exclaiming, "But, Lord, am I my brother's keeper?" And God will answer, "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from Africa and China, and from the islands of the sea." "The voice of thy brother's blood." Yes, and we will go into heaven saved, but-with blood on our hands, the blood of those we might have won had we gone, or sent someone in our place.

It is no light thing to be a watchman. God has said, "His blood will I require at thine hand." What kind of watchman are you now? What kind of watchman will you be in the years or months God yet may give you?



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Headline News, by Rudolph S. Ress-



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of popular journalism at its most literary best.

The first chapter gives the book its title, and like all the other chapters it has an appropriate verse of Scripture (Isa. 40:9), with which to lead the reader's mind and heart to consider the urgent need for proclaiming the glorious gospel. Each chapter thereafter unfolds in happy panorama: "God's Mighty Acts," "The Greatest Book in Literature." "A Quest for the Sinner," and so on through themes dealing with service for Christ, fidelity to Christ, dependence upon Christ in life's storms, and sweet chapters on "Life's Eventide," and "Does Praying Pay?" The closing chapters on the seven final sayings of our Lord on the cross are brief but enlightening.

We would heartily recommend this book for reading by all, for it is written by an apparent lover of the Lover of our souls. It is, indeed, readable "Headline News."

We were sorry to see that the author was not apparently familiar with the glorious teaching of the second advent, and thus in his chapter on "The End of the World" (p. 82) he speaks of "the fact that the world will end is certain," and all his references to this event confuse the rapture with the later revelation. But the rest of the book more than compensates for this obscurity.

163 pages. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis (1949). \$1.75.

Who Say Ye That I Am? edited by Wm. Childs Robinson.

Six theses on the deity of Christ, written in competition for the Robert A. Dunn award. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Paul are called upon



as witnesses to the deity of Jesus Christ. The introduction to the volume is written by Dr. Wm. Childs Robinson, able apol-ogist of Columbia Theological Semi-

Mr. Robinson

The writers have manifested a thoroughgoing conservative approach and have performed their task in a scholarly, reverent manner. The book gives us a fine contribution to Christological literature. It makes an excellent reference volume for Bible students, as well as provides interesting and profitable material for the average reader. age reader.

173 pages. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids (1949). \$3.00. J.M.

Quotes from the Quiet Hour, by Robert Parsons

This new book differs from other books * Alexander M. Dodds

in that there is no one thread of thought running through it; no exploitation of doctrine, no making of issues, no line of teaching. A book of quotes it is, indeed—golden nuggets of thought, if you please.

For some years radio station WMBI of Moody Bible Institute has been conducting a most precious program called "The Quiet Hour."
The material used was varied—some of this and some of that, all of which made interesting listening. all of which made interesting listening.
From the script of these programs Mr. Parsons has chosen selections which the



Parsons has chosen selections which the listening audience requested for repetition. Quite a few wholesome excerpts from "Safed the Sage" are in the book—not all religious sayings, but many helpful bits of secular wisdom. A goodly number of poems are given, not because of their literary value, but because of their literary value, but because of their literary value, but because of their helpfulness. For example, "Prayer and Potatoes" is most interesting, teaching a lesson in practical religious living. Here is a stanza of another, "Questions": Questions":

"Can you put a spider's web back in place, that once has been swept away? Can you put the apple back again on the bough which fell at our feet today?"

And so it goes on with seven stanzas of questions, all pointing to the inability of man to cope with God's creation.

This book will make a beautiful gift. 94 pages (suede binding). Moody Press, Chicago (1949). \$1.00. G.S.S.

Darwin: Before and After, by Robert E. D. Clark.

This rather small volume not only contains an interesting and informative history of evolutionary thought from earliest times to the present (with especial emphasis on the life and teaching of Charles Darwin), but also points out in a very forceful and scholarly way the inadequacies of the evolutionary hypothesis. The book is distinctive in that the author faces the matter purely from a scientific perspective with little reference to the Bible or its teaching. Practically all of the treatise can be highly commended; however, the conclusion on page 182 that evolution "is very likely false or, if true, it involves miracles quite as startling as any demanded by the special creationist" seems to the present reviewer to be an unwarranted admission. We would also disagree that "one species may turn into another—as indeed has probably happened among horses and titano-This rather small volume not only conably happened among horses and titano-theres" (p. 181, italics ours). But apart from these statements the book is recom-mended as an important contribution to the

field of apologetics.

192 pages. The Paternoster Press, London, England (1948). Distributed by Christian Evidence League, Malverne, N.Y. \$1.50

Were the Fossils Contemporary? by George McCready Price.

Professor Price rejects the theory that the strata of the earth were formed by the slow uniform process of nature over hundreds of millions of years. Instead he believes that the earth shows every evidence of being comparatively "young," that the present geologic conditions are a result of the Noachian flood, and that the fossils were all formed during the flood, thus having lived on earth contemporaneously. Many striking proofs of his position are offered, and

his argument is convincing.
20 pages (paper). Christian Evidence
League, Malverne, N.Y. (1949). 25 cents.

The Glory Forever, by Martha Snell Nicholson, with Preface by William L. Pettingill.

Pettingill.

Admirers of the poetry of the California sufferer whom Dr. Pettingill calls "God's sweet songbird" will welcome and treasure this, her latest, and perhaps her last, volume. The bright, triumphant faith of the author shines through its pages. The volume also contains a few selections by the writer's husband, Howard Wren Nicholson, now with the Lord. Bound in purple velours, the book, like its predecessors, makes an attractive gift volume.

128 pages. Moody Press, Chicago (1949).
\$1.00.

The Case of the Nazarene Reopened, by Hyman E. Goldin.

Writing from a liberal Jewish standpoint, Writing from a liberal Jewish standpoint, the author is not only a rabbi and a prolific writer, but was also a lawyer; hence the plan of the volume to conduct the case as in a court of law. It is the author's impassioned contention that the Jews were at no sioned contention that the Jews were at no time and in no sense guilty of the blood of Jesus Christ; that it is on the basis of this (allegedly) false charge they have suffered "untold misery" since as the victims of anti-Semitism; that it is time they be freed of such a charge. He "demands" also that Christians delete from the New Testament all accusations against the Jews as being false, and he challenges refutation.

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The author anticipates that he will be considered "prejudiced and biased" in presenting his case. It is difficult to see on reading the book what else he could expect. He himself necessarily puts words into the mouths of counsels for plaintiff and defense, and of witnesses and experts. He is himself judge and jury and what not, so that the whole thing is a farce, a travesty of a trial. It totally ignores and flouts the testimony of hundreds of millions of Christians in all ages that the New Testament is all of it, the Word of God.

The liberal rabbi has learned his lesson well from the so-called liberal and higher critic in the church with regard to the authority of the Scriptures, so that he accepts only what accords with his reason or purpose and rejects the rest. Thus there is flagrantly biased testimony and sheer distortion of the plainest teachings and witness of the New Testament. The supernatural is ruled out as testimony as "not in conformity with human experience."

There is gratuitous assumption, violent prejudice, gross irreverence, blasphemous sarcasm. To the author Christian logic is perverted. Yet, though a rabbi, he betrays almost a total lack of understanding of the spiritual content of the Scriptures, and his imagined contradictions in the New Testament are simply puerile.

The testimony of "experts" (noted Jewish religion" as substitutionary sacrifice for the remission of sins. The rabbi therefore denies the plainest as well as most vital and fundamental principle of the Old Testament, the very heart of the Pentateuch, and so discards Moses. Illustrations could be multiplied ad nauseam.

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The author finds "the most bitter anti-Semitisms in the Gospels." But such alleged anti-Semitisms will not stand comparison with the bitter invective of pro-phetic indictment against their own people

in the Old Testament.

The fuct of the rejection and death of Christ by Israel's leaders (and the Gentiles also) is only the culmination and climax of at housand years of their constant rejection of God the Father. The Jewish trouble lies basically in the fact that they are a people neither at home with God nor with man, and are out of focus, not at anchor in the world at present world at present.
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to the truth and in asking or "demanding" of the great body of the Church that it "delete" that truth from its inspired Scriptures, but in turning to that One who is indeed the rejected Messiah and Saviour and will yet be their Redeemer and King, the One in whom they will yet find redemption and peace.
863 pages. The Exposition Press, New York (1948). \$5.00.

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Christianity and the Children of Israel, by A. Roy Eckardt.

This volume is the result of the author's question to himself: "How can a Christian avoid intolerance toward the Jews while still loyal to the Christian faith; and how, with this, can he be motivated to work for the alleviation of the Jewish plight?"

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work for the alleviation of the Jewish plight?"
He declares that "for many centuries the children of Israel have felt upon their backs the lashes of a whip wielded by Christian orthodoxy." But such a statement may be seriously challenged. If by orthodoxy, the author means Roman Catholicism, then it is true, as he himself shows, in treating the "absolutism" of that Church, which basically cannot tolerate on any equal basis anything alien to itself. But it is not true generally of orthodoxy or particularly "fundamentalism." There are exceptions here, of course, as the author shows in naming such persons as Gerald B. Winrod with Father Coughlin, as having success in their anti-Semitism.

He is chiefly concerned, however, with the new orthodoxy or neo-Reformation theology, to which school he apparently belongs, and many of the insights are based upon views of such men of that school as Barth, Niebuhr, Brunner, Tillich, etc.

The work is a historical survey of the various Christian attitudes both past and present.

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The work is a historical survey of the various Christian attitudes both past and present.

The author sees a danger in the attitude toward the Jews in the "absolutism" of both the Roman Catholic Church and of Protestant orthodoxy which declares that there is salvation only in Jesus Christ. At the same time liberal "relativism" does not provide sufficient motivation for the combatting of anti-Semitism.

While the volume is indeed in many ways "a profound analysis of the religious problem of the relation between Jews and Christians," and discusses at some length the views of "modern conservative Protestantism" and the bearing of missions to the Jews on the question, it rejects the literal statements of the Bible, particularly Romans 9-11, and even finds in the epistles of Paul as well as John and Acts "an anti-Judaism containing elements of, at least potential, anti-Semitism." Hence it fails of the profoundest, indeed the only conclusive, insight into this vexed problem.

223 pages. Kings Crown Press, New York (1948). \$3.00.

Psychology for Christian Teachers,

Psychology for Christian Teachers, by Alfred L. Murray.

Out of considerable personal experience Mr. Murray writes a very helpful book which should be in the possession of every Sunday school superintendent and teacher. Sunday school superintendent and teacher. Almost every page has potent suggestions as to what should be avoided and what should be followed in the conduct of both class and school. Just one example for Mr. Superintendent, on page 240: "The time to select teachers is not when you want them, but when you realize that within a short time you will need them."

By carrying out many of Mr. Murray's suggestions, the general run of human delinquency, in youth and adult, will perhaps be checked.

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245 pages. Zondervan Publishing House,
Grand Rapids (1948). \$2.50. G.S.S.

The Trial of Jesus Christ, by Frank J. Powell.

The author is a lawyer and a "Metropolitan magistrate" in England, and evidently a student of the Word of God. This volume is the outcome of lectures delivered on the subject. As a basis of the treatment, it takes into consideration "the historical background, the state of national opinion in Palestine, the laws by which the

Jewish and Roman courts, respectively, were bound, and the personal history of the chief characters concerned." Many important considerations are thus brought to light which do not and perhaps cannot oc-cur to the ordinary reader.

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It is clearly shown that every principle of procedure and of justice laid down in the Jewish legal code in the Mishna for the conduct of such trials was violated by the Sanhedrin—a very "riot of illegality." The perjury and perfidy of the accusers and condemners are shown up in the full light of the investigation. The entire treatment is sane, reverent, impartial, based upon and true to the Word of God as the evidence. It should be of deep interest.

160 pages. The Paternoster Press, London (1948). \$1.75.

Next Steps, by Harold R. Cook.

This booklet, according to its subtitle, contains "Friendly Counsel to Volunteers for Foreign Missionary Service." Its counsel is not only friendly, but extremely practical, and the direct result of years of personal experience and counsel by the author.

The question is asked, "After consecra-tion, what next?" and the text logically proceeds to unfold the need of preparation in Bible training, spiritual life, personal witness, reading (other than biblical), fel-lowship, and formal education.

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Every believer will benefit by knowing the sound facts contained in this splendid pamphlet, whether personally called to the mission field or not. Fortunately, its convenient size and price make it particularly fine for large distribution at conferences and special meetings.

16 pages. Moody Press, Chicago (1949). 10 cents. P.R.N.



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INSTITUTE and ALUMNI

ELISABETH FLETCHER, EDITOR



Moody Press Director Kenneth Taylor (left) talks over the lease of a new book shop with William Moore, assistant director of Moody Press, and Alex Koval, manager of the present store at 817 N. Wells Street. Plans call for the Loop store to open in September.

"The Moody of Japan," a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in 1900, relaxes in a moment at home.

Chicago's vast stadium packed with 19,000 on a hot summer evening in June. The four sections in white just under the patriotic banner comprised the 1,000-voice Moody choir.

Vice-President Given Degree

S. Maxwell Coder, vice-president and dean of education at the Institute, was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree at the regular graduation exercises of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, June 9.

Dr. Coder, formerly editor-in-chief of Moody Press and faculty member at the Institute, assumed his present position a year ago. He succeeded Dr. William Culbertson, now president.

"Dust or Destiny" Nears Completion

A nation-wide series of premiere showings for "Dust or Destiny," Moody Institute of Science's newest sound-color motion picture, is now being set up for September, October, and November by Extension Department. The film, fourth in the "Sermons from Science" series, emphasizes the basic choice which man must make between "dust" or "destiny."

According to present plans, the first of nearly fifty showings will be held in the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium on September 26. Other large cities to see the film include Philadelphia on October 1 and 3; New York on October 6 and 7; Portland on October 10; Seattle on October 11; Detroit on October 13 and 14; Washington on November 8 and 9.

Dr. Irwin A. Moon, director of M.I.S., will be present at many of the premieres, while others will feature Robert L. Constable, Institute vice-president. A new twenty-minute film titled "Reel Missionaries" also will be shown on the premiere programs.

New Slogan

"Next to the local church, it's Moody Alumni for fellowship" goes a new slogan adopted by Moody Bible Institute Alumni Association at a recent meeting. With the appointment of Herbert Lockyer, Jr., as executive secretary, MBI alumni have seen progress in several directions toward improving that fellowship during the past year: a bi-monthly alumni newspaper, a half-hour weekly radio program, and the organization of more than 20 local alumni groups in fifteen states.

A new fund campaign is to be launched soon, according to Mr. Lockyer, with the suggestion that each alumnus set aside one-tenth of his tithe for the Institute. He hopes that, when the plan goes into operation, it will be possible to eliminate payment of alumni dues.

Vacation Stopover for a Moody Student

Revival meetings much like D. L. Moody used to conduct recently brought blessing to at least one church in a little town in Wisconsin.

The young evangelist, John White, is a third term student at MBI. Invited to hold special services for two weeks, he ended up conducting a four week series of meetings. Many remarked that they had not seen anything of the kind for thirty years.

The first week and a half crowds were far from encouraging. But prayer brought the turning point. Conviction was apparent after a sermon on "The Brevity of Time." During the altar call, six, including two former students from a nearby university, came forward for salvation. A score of others made decisions to dedicate their lives to Christ.

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Because of large crowds during the last week, the services had to be moved to another building. And finally even the larger building could not hold the throngs that attended.

During the services more than sixty persons publicly accepted Christ, including complete families. "I think something like twenty men—backslidden men who had praying wives—dedicated their lives and families to the Lord," White says.

"One man with tears flowing down his cheeks insisted there was no hope for him. Later, both he and his present wife accepted the Saviour. They were found one day in their home during a visitation, searching the Scriptures to assure themselves of salvation."

The preaching was on old-fashioned themes such as the blood of Christ, repentance, and the second coming. "More than a few times," White relates, "I had carefully prepared notes on some other subject only to lay them aside as the Holy Spirit led me to preach God's indignation against the wicked."

Moody Book Shop

Official name for Moody Press's new downtown bookstore in the Chicago Loop will be the Moody Book Shop, according to word from Director Kenneth N. Taylor. The store is scheduled to open in September at 107 South Clark Street. Modernizing of the premises began July 1.

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Hustad Leads Thousand Voices

A choir of a thousand voices was featured at a recent Youth for Christ rally held in Chicago Stadium, with an estimated 19,000 in attendance. The choir, directed by Don Hustad, was made up of MBI students and employees.

Following the evangelistic message, choir members served as personal workers for those who came forward seeking salvation.

Power in Japan

Thirty-five years ago a young MBI student named Laura Mauk set sail for Japan, to become a Bible teacher in the Bible Women's Training School in Tokyo. Since then she has continued to witness for the cause of Christ there, in spite of the upheavals Japan has known.

Recently, Moody Monthly received a letter from Laura Mauk—not about herself, but about another faithful MBI graduate and personal friend of D. L. Moody, S. Kimura, often called the "Moody of Japan." In part, Miss Mauk says of him:

"At seventy-six, he is still strong and energetic and a powerful evangelist. On May 1, 2, and 3 we asked him to hold special evangelistic meetings here for us, speaking twice daily. Since our buildings all burned, we have only a quonset hut chapel that seats (when packed) 200 people. It is full each Sunday morning, but regular members made way for the unsaved and the first service on Sunday morning was packed with 256 inside, not counting others outside.

"Every service, afternoon and evening, was equally directed to the Christians to give their all—life, time, and energy—to winning souls, first of all their own families, for Christ. Many members of the church wept and rededicated their lives to Christ.

"Every meeting was equally well attended, and full of the power of the Holy Spirit. At each service the altar was also full of seekers—in all, 200 signed their names and went to the altar seeking salvation. It was a glorious sight to see the young people flock to hear him... I feel sure this was one of the best evangelistic series we have ever had here."

Announce Winning Tracts

Four top prize winners have been announced in the Colportage Tract Contest which closed March 1. Winning tracts will be published this fall.

"Dog Tags and the Sarge," by William Atherton, of Summit, Ill., took the top award of four volumes in the Wycliffe Series of Christian Classics. Second, third and fourth prizes were won by G. W. Bischoff for "Blood Dripped Hand"; Phil Young for "Chaplain Learns Meaning of Cross on His Sleeve"; and Samuel V. Brents for "A.W.O.L."

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Called to be a Missionary? [Continued from page 847]

to obey His command and make known to all men His salvation. So far as we have information, the majority of missionaries mentioned in the New Testament performed their ministry in obedience to this general call. With the living Christ in their hearts, they were constrained to be His witnesses everywhere. The Individual Aspect

There is, nevertheless, an individual aspect to this call, and in some cases a separate, individual call. It is in the individual's response that we see clearly the hand of the Holy Spirit. He who opens the eyes of sinners to behold the Saviour and moves them to accent His invitation to receive life in Him is the same one who illumines the understanding of the saints and opens their ears to the call to make the Saviour known in every land. The way in which He does this may be as little understood in the one case as in the other, but is just as effectual. "Whereas I was blind, now I see," may be all the testimony we can give, but it

Do not think that unless God directs you specially to some foreign land you should take up work at home. There are too many Christian workers who have drifted into some position in the homeland simply because they have not felt led to do anything else. A call to service is as necessary for a ministry in Middletown, U.S.A., as for one in a Congo village.

Too many Christians today assume that full consecration necessarily involves a full-time Christian ministry. Such a belief tends in the same direction as the one held in the Middle Ages which led many to withdraw from the world to monasteries. Such a belief ignores the need for consecrated laymen and fosters the all too commonly held notion that "business and religion don't mix."

Willingness to devote full time to Christian ministry is important, but not decisive. Not every volunteer is appointed. There is a question of usefulness which can be determined only by the Lord Himself. Moreover, there must be an inner compulsion, an eagerness which will carry you through in spite of difficulties. It is not a light thing to be a minister of Christ, and the burden we feel for the work must be born of the Spirit which dwells in us.

But there is still another question to be answered. Are you ready to surrender your own will to His and gladly do whatever He wants you to do? Such a surrender is not easy, nor as complete as we oftentimes suppose. Yet, is it right to expect God to lead you to the field of His choice if you have already determined in your own heart where you want to go? If you really want His guidance, you have to be ready to put yourself in His hands and gladly follow His directions, wherever they may lead.

Does selfish ambition enter into your plans, the desire for recognition and praise from other Christians? It is better, and infinitely more satisfying, to please God than men. Are you afraid of privations, and do you shrink from a venture which involves a radical change in your manner of living and brings you into contact with strange, unfamiliar people and circumstances? Your Saviour Himself has promised to be with you all the days until the end-if you go!

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purely human attraction. They need to ask themselves, "Can I be happy to stay at home and minister in an unromantic field if that is where Christ wants me most?" For them a decision to stay may be fully as difficult as for others the decision to go. But the call to stay may be just as definite and the results of obedience just as joyful.

Where to Serve

It is in the individual aspect of the missionary call that we run into the question of fields of service. Before attempting to decide what field, however, be sure you have first answered the basic question, "Am I sure God wants me in full-time service for Him?" Your answer may involve service on the foreign field; it often does. But perhaps just as often the Lord calls a man to His ministry first, and perhaps even gives him a time of service at home, before He sends him abroad as His messenger to other peoples.

Rarely are such questions answered with a vision or other striking experience, though this should not be thought impossible. Much more often, however, the general principles of guidance apply: a recognition of the need for guidance, a willingness to be led, a deliberate renunciation of self-interest, a close walk with God so as to be sensitive to His wishes, as well as a constant use of the Word of God and earnest prayer. Christ's own command to "look on the fields" should lead us to contemplate their needs and feel the compassion such needs should inspire.

A careful study of the fields, such as William Carey made, may open the way for God's guidance. Listening to missionaries from many fields may seem at first to confuse because of the vastness of the task and the need, but after a time it is often true that one of these fields begins to stand out in our consciousness as the place God has for us. As this leading is confirmed, we can go forth in the confidence that we are in His will.

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A Box for Su Ling

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program. Miss Fraser remembered the package for Su Ling from the True Blue Class, which had promised to send her a doll. "I'm sure it's beautiful," she thought. "The girls in that class send such lovely things, but I'm afraid a doll won't give her much pleasure when she's expecting 288 presents."

There were tears in Miss Fraser's eyes as she handed the box from the True Blue Class to Su Ling. "Here's a pretty doll for you, Su Ling, from the True Blue Class in America," she said as brightly as she could.

Su Ling thanked her, but glanced longingly at the few packages still under the tree. There was no doubt in her heart that the gifts she had prayed for must be there. Two big tears rolled down Miss Fraser's cheeks and splashed on the book she handed to the child in line after Su Ling. She decided she would have to teach the children not to pray for unnecessary things. They must realize that one had to be practical in what he asked God for. She must never let this happen again.

Su Ling took her seat and looked at the pretty tag on her box. She broke the red ribbon very carefully and rolled it up and put it in her pocket. She took the pretty Christmas paper off the package and folded it up and put it in her pocket with

the ribbon. Then she looked inside the box.

"Oh, how pretty!" she thought. Bowing her head, she said, "Dear Father, I thank You. I didn't know what to ask You for that the children and the big people would like. I would never have thought of this gift, but You knew just what to send. Thank you, Father, Amen."

Su Ling quietly left her chair and went to Miss Fraser and said, "Miss Fraser, may I give out my gifts now?"

"Your gifts? What do you mean, Su Ling? Wasn't there a doll in the box I gave you?" asked the astonished missionary.

"No, Miss Fraser. I don't need a doll; I have one. Look at all the pretty combs. I'm sure there are enough for all the children and the teachers and old Chang." Miss Fraser looked through her tears and saw combs of all colors: red, yellow, green, blue, pink.

Su Ling started at the front row and handed every child in the place a nice little pocket comb. How thrilled they were! When old Chang got his, he combed his hair right there with some extra fancy motions that made all the children laugh.

All during the next year when the rice ran low and one might have become discouraged, someone would say, "Remember the combs." Then everyone would brighten up, for they knew that a God who would do for Su Ling what He had done, would in answer to believing prayer send rice for His children.

What the children didn't know, however, was that someone in the True Blue Class made a mistake when she put the wrong cards on two packages that looked almost alike. But God made no mistake when He saw to it that the box of beautiful combs reached Su Ling in Shanghai—and that when they arrived, there were just enough to go around!



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righteousness.

The enemies of the cross of Christ "mind earthly things." The believers in the cross of Christ set their "mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth." They live unto righteousness because they live unto Him. Living unto righteousness is the outward manifestation of His will in our lives, the living out of His life in us. Have you died to sins? Does your life manifest His indwelling presence?

Tenth, Jesus gave Himself for us that we might have a glorious inheritance. "And for this cause he is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance" (Heb. 9:15).

To Saul of Tarsus was given the commission in Acts 26:18 that closes with: "That they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me." Paul kept

that inheritance in view throughout his life. Its glories blinded his eyes to all that this world could offer. Like his Lord, he despised the sufferings and shame as things of little moment in view of the glory that awaited him. The same was true of Peter, who had his eyes on "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Has the glory of this inheritance, that was purchased at so great a price, the laying down of our Lord's life under the heavy judgment of God against sin, gripped your mind and heart; or has the gilt and tinsel of temporal earthly treasures blinded your eyes to the priceless and eternal inheritance?

Finally, Christ died that we might ever live in His presence. "For God appointed us not unto wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him."

Here we have a fitting conclusion to what has been before us in the other portions. The sum and substance of it all is that He died for us and rose again in order that He might have us for Himself (our spirit, soul, and body) now, and with Himself throughout eternity.

An old preacher well said that if we do not want to walk with Jesus down here, we cannot walk with Him up there. He wants us for Himself now. Paul says: "For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ" (II Cor. 11:2). Paul gloried in the cross because it was an impassable barrier between him and the world which had cast out and killed his Lord. He gloried in the resurrection because it brought him into the new creation and united him with his risen and glorified Lord (Gal. 6:14, 15; II Cor. 5:17).

It was nothing less than the resurrection perfection and fellowship that Paul set before himself as his goal in this life. Impossible, do you say? True, yet it is the ultimate goal, for saints are predestinated to be conformed to the image of God's Son. Make this your goal and you eliminate the too-common sin of being satisfied with, or excusing, imperfection in your life. If the power of our risen Lord is for us, if the Holy Spirit dwells in us, have we any excuse for fallure? Not that we do not fail, else we would need no Advocate, but we have no excuse for failure. "He is able."

Let us, then, examine ourselves. Has He suffered in vain as far as you are concerned? Do you claim His name and yet refuse Him His desires? Or are you like our God-given example, Paul, who gladly suffered the loss of all things that are prized by men of the world "for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord... that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death; if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead" (Phil. 3:7-14).

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